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A photograph of three students in a computer lab. A woman with dark hair and glasses stands behind a man and a woman who are seated at a computer. The man is wearing a light blue hoodie and glasses, and the woman is wearing a grey shirt and glasses. They are all looking at the computer screen. In the background, another student wearing a yellow shirt and a visor is also working at a computer. Large windows in the background show green trees outside.

The Girard School  
genesis continues

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Campaign for  
Merrimack College  
surpasses \$41 million



## College offers many reasons to feel proud

This time of year at Merrimack College is always filled with a sense of accomplishment and hope. This year, another 506 men and women joined you and me as fellow alumni. It is gratifying to know that each of them had been well prepared to face life's challenges as well as its rewards. Their academic excellence and wealth of social, cultural and spiritual experiences while at Merrimack will carry them far in life and will serve as a solid foundation for success. True as always to our Augustinian heritage, Merrimack will always be here for them.

The Class of 2001 was joined by 12 members of the Class of 1951, our first graduating class. These pioneers, without whose faith and hope this institution would not exist, also celebrated their 50th reunion in June. It is these individuals who are the true witnesses to our growth as a college and as a community. They have seen what began as just one building transformed into a thriving campus with endless possibilities and potential.

They were joined at the reunion by members of the classes of '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91 and '96 on a beautiful late spring weekend. As several generations of Merrimack alumni came together in friendship to recall their happy times at Merrimack and share their lives since, I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with many of them. Amazement and excitement abounded over the many physical changes they saw on our campus and they spoke with high praise for the Sakowich Campus Center, the Rogers Center for the Arts and the John E. Deegan Residence Hall, among others.

Our alumni have played a major role in the extraordinary success of our "Awakening Minds and Hearts for a New Generation" campaign that raised an unprecedented \$41 million, more than 62% above our original goal of \$25 million. With their generosity and that of many parents and friends, we achieved the campaign's goals set five years ago. We constructed our new campus center, doubled the college's endowment fund and are now able to assist hundreds of students in their pursuit of a college education at Merrimack. The Francis E. Girard School of Business and International Commerce continues to move toward national accreditation and to graduate students who have a competitive edge as they enter the increasingly complex business world.

It is the knowledge and understanding of the value of a Merrimack education that have so many alumni and other supporters committed to our fine institution. That commitment grows a better Merrimack with each passing year.

This issue outlines some of the ways that gifts to Merrimack College are an investment in its future, not only in construction but also in faculty, technology and community service. Commitment to Merrimack College is an investment in generations to come.

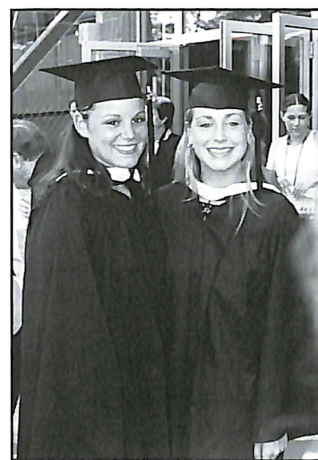
As we move forward in the 21st century, I am confident that we continue to share a common mission to educate young minds in the best Augustinian tradition.



President Richard J. Santagati

Kindra Clineff photo

Beams of graduates and construction beams get play in this issue. To read about the commencement of students such as Raegan Fitzgerald '01, left, and Cara Cronin '01, see Page 2. To read about the Volpe Center construction project, which you can catch a glimpse of over the women's shoulders, see Merrimack News on Page 7.

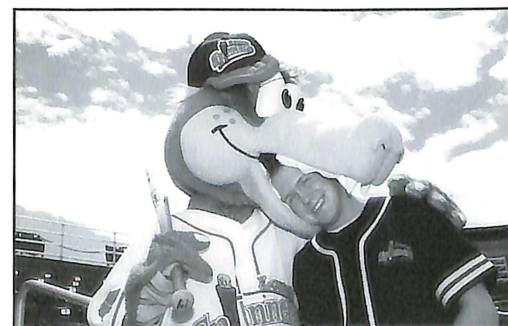


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Susan Wojtas '79 photo

No, these aren't Continuing Education students. They're members of the class of '51, who came as special guests to Merrimack's commencement, then returned a few weeks later for a reunion fete. We've got more pictures in Class Notes, beginning on Page 19.



David Spink photo

Jon Goode '98, right, is spending his summers with the Lowell Spinners. Read about that and other alumni happenings in Class Notes, which begin on Page 19.

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An application for admission has been included in this issue. Give it to a college-bound student; using this form means a reduced application fee.

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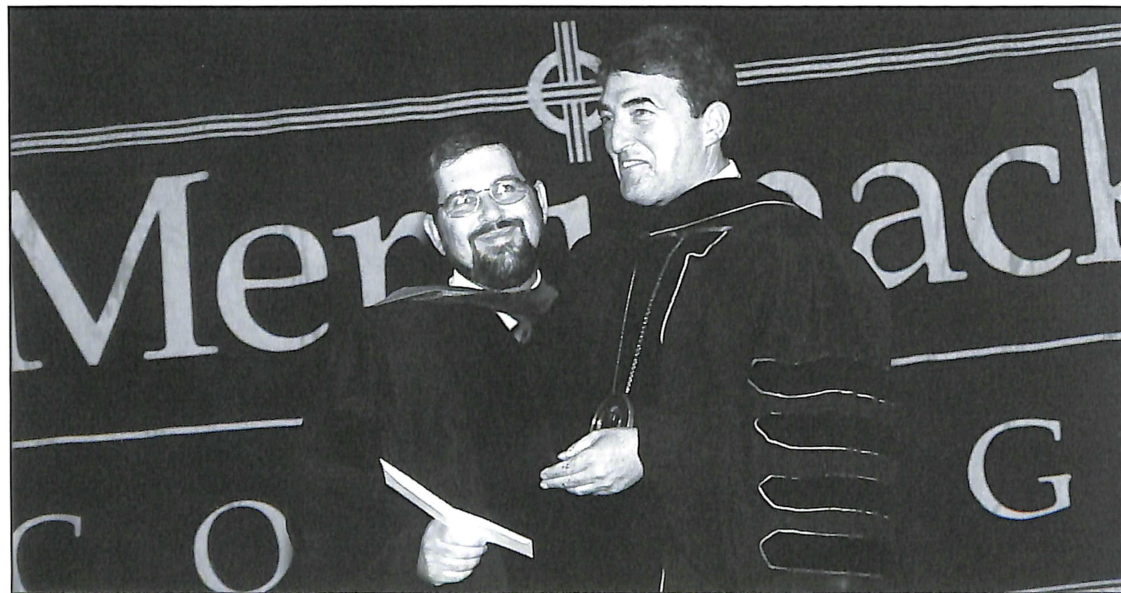
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# Commencement 2001

Merrimack's 51<sup>st</sup> class hears calls for public service, and a reminder of the value of community



President Richard Santagati, right, congratulates Michael Bradley '78, Ph.D., winner of the Edward G. Roddy Jr. Award for outstanding teaching.

by David Rattigan

Joined by a dozen members of the college's first class, 506 seniors from Merrimack's 51<sup>st</sup> graduating class received a final reminder to consider the value of community and service to others at the May 20 commencement.

In his charge to the graduates, President Richard Santagati said, "Each of you will follow a different path when you leave here, but regardless of where life's journey takes you, no matter what you do, I urge you to keep that spirit of service alive and well. You'll be a better and happier person for it."

Santagati then quoted the great British statesman Winston Churchill, telling graduates, "You make a living by what you do. You make a life by what you give."

Twelve members of the college's class of 1951 accepted an invitation to walk in

procession with the class of 2001. A crowd of approximately 4,500 filled the Volpe Athletic Complex for the ceremony. It featured a similar call to service by commencement speaker Blenda Wilson, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of the Nellie Mae Foundation, which promotes accessibility, quality and effectiveness of education in New England from pre-school through post-secondary levels. Senior Speaker Katie Schroth then spoke on the value of community, and different types of communities in our lives.

Wilson was one of three honorary degree recipients, along with Suffolk University law professor Clifford Elias, who is active in many Merrimack Valley organizations and boards, and Rev. Brian Lowery, O.S.A., prior at Convento S. Agostino in San Gimignano, Italy, whose service in the Augustinian Order has included two assignments at Merrimack College. He was an

Joseph Hakey photo

instructor in religious studies from 1972 to 1974, and served in campus ministry in 1988 and 1989.

Wilson urged students to take action in their lives, to make the world a better place.

"The important question to ask yourselves today is not, 'What will come next?' but, 'What kind of world do you want to create?'" Wilson said. She later added that, "There can be no greater affirmation of the importance of your years of study and hard work than the realization that it will enable you to act upon your idealism with skill, with optimism and with passion."

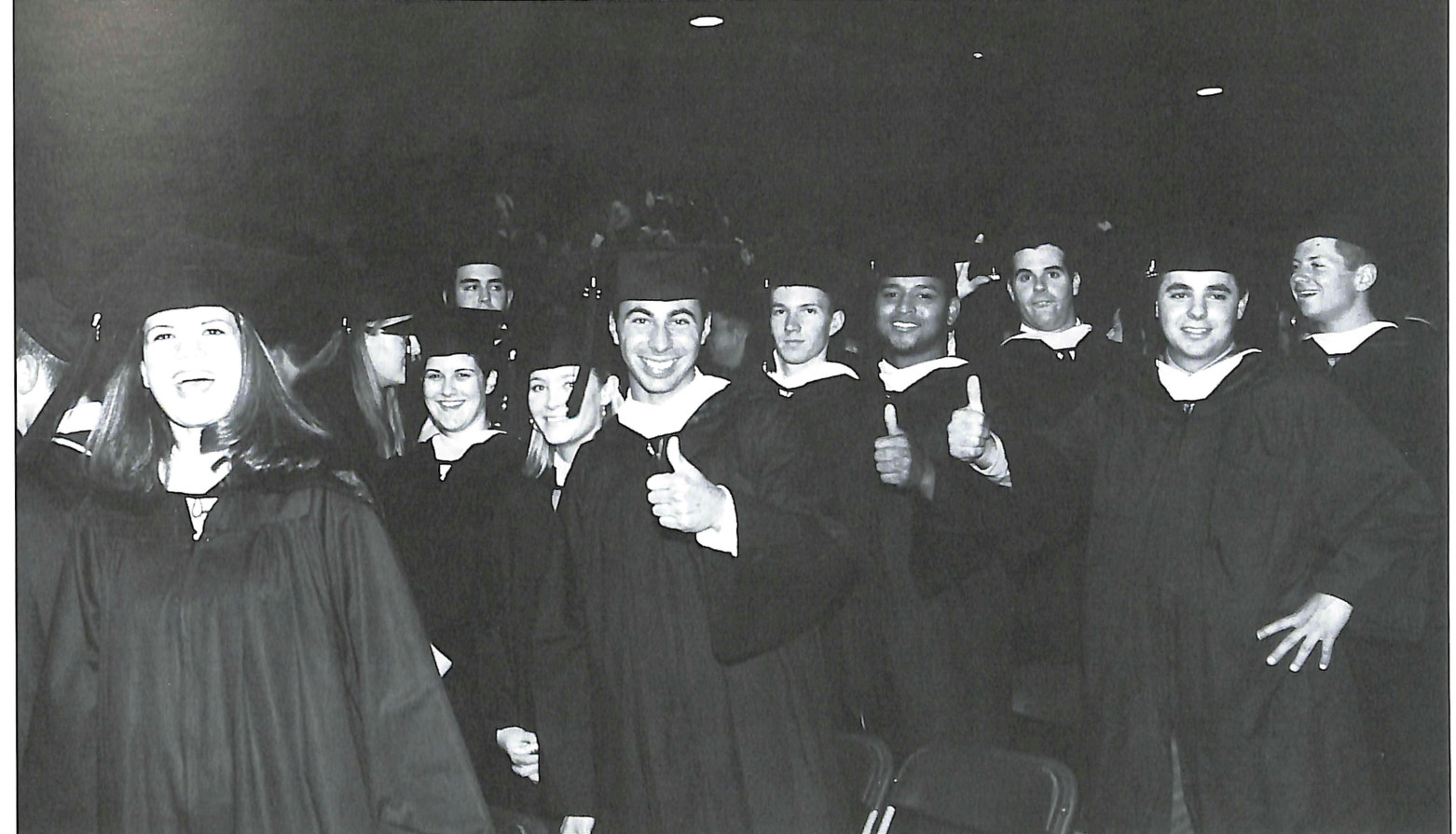
Schroth, an engineering student from Attleboro, Mass., spoke on the value of community:

"I began my journey at Merrimack College prepared to take on the world, and to experience a great adventure,"



Katie Schroth '01 spoke on the value of community in the Augustinian tradition.

David Rattigan photo



Graduates enjoy their final moments at Merrimack.

Joseph Hakey photo

said Schroth. The extraordinary experiences to come were not those she'd anticipated, but of "becoming a part of the Augustinian community that we hear so much about ... a close-knit unit of students and faculty striving together to learn what it means to serve others, and to journey through knowledge to wisdom."

A Presidential Scholar, Schroth was a four-year member of the cross-country team and a three-year Academic All American. She found community within the team, as she did in another setting, as part of a group of students that studied together before a crucial final exam during her sophomore year.

"Not only were we able to teach each other, but we managed to dissipate some of our anxiety by joking with each other as well," Schroth said. "What one

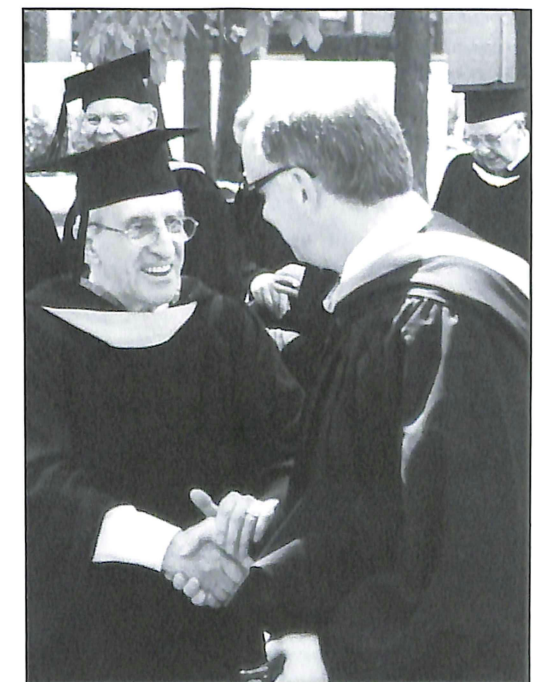


Christopher DuQuet '01 is flanked by happy grandmothers Madlyn DuQuet, left, and Ann Boudrow.

David Rattigan photo

person did not know, someone else did. When one person was about to break down, someone else took up the slack. Working together, we found that we learned more and had more fun. So, from that day on we always studied together. We became a community."

Her classmates may have experienced that sense of community in a different or similar way. "In any case," Schroth noted, "it is this strong sense of community that has made our journey at Merrimack College special."



Al Rodrigues '51 shares a few words with David Breen, vice president of administration.

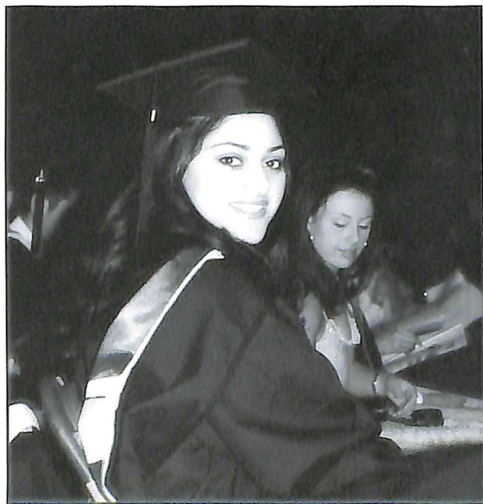
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Santagati, in his final words to the graduates, urged them to live the remainder of their lives to the fullest. In addition to Churchill, he quoted former President Jimmy Carter, who said, "Strive for something exceptional. Faith will permit us to take a new path; perhaps different from the one we now follow. It may be surprising where it leads."

"No matter where life's journey takes you ... take nothing for granted," Santagati told the graduates. "Laugh as much as you can. Tell those who are special to you that you love them... Take time for family and friends. Enjoy the quieter moments. As St. Augustine said, 'Nobody can call back yesterday; tomorrow is treading on the heels of today. In this short space, let us live good lives.'"

"I know you will experience many rewards in life, and I know from experience that you will face difficulties and disappointments as well. So, embrace the challenges as much as you embrace the rewards. Difficulties are a necessary part of real achievement and growth, and they make the rewards that much sweeter."



Aseel Al-Shehail flashes a graduation smile. That's student Lauren Eagan in the background.

David Rattigan photo

## Merrimack Awards Celebrate Excellence

Associate Professor of Mathematics Michael Bradley '78, Ph.D., was presented with the Edward G. Roddy Jr. Outstanding Teacher Award at the college's 51st commencement.

Rev. Gary McCloskey, O.S.A., vice president of academic affairs, made the presentation, calling Bradley a "standout," recognized as "a scholar who has demonstrated devotion to teaching excellence, care and concern for students and deep dedication to learning." He was nominated for the award by current and former students as well as his colleagues.

Other award winners included:

- **The Edward J. Burns Medal**, awarded to the first-ranking student in Humanities: Frances W. Phaneuf and Laurie J. Williams.
- **The Very Reverend Mortimer A. Sullivan, O.S.A. Medal**, awarded to the first-ranking student in Science and Engineering: Elizabeth A. Fleming.
- **The Cardinal Cushing Medal**, awarded to the first-ranking student in Social Sciences: Erica B. Wilson.
- **The Victor J. Mill Medal**, awarded to the first-ranking student in Continuing Education: James R. Whitney.
- **The Margaret J. Lamond Medal**, awarded to the student who most exemplifies Catholic ideals and service: Sister Lucy Veilleux, S.C.I.M.
- **The Merrimack Medal**, awarded for outstanding service to the Merrimack College community: Daniel S. Flynn and Kathleen A. Sullivan.

# Better technology is good business

As the development of the Girard School continues, "smart classrooms" are helping create better-prepared students.

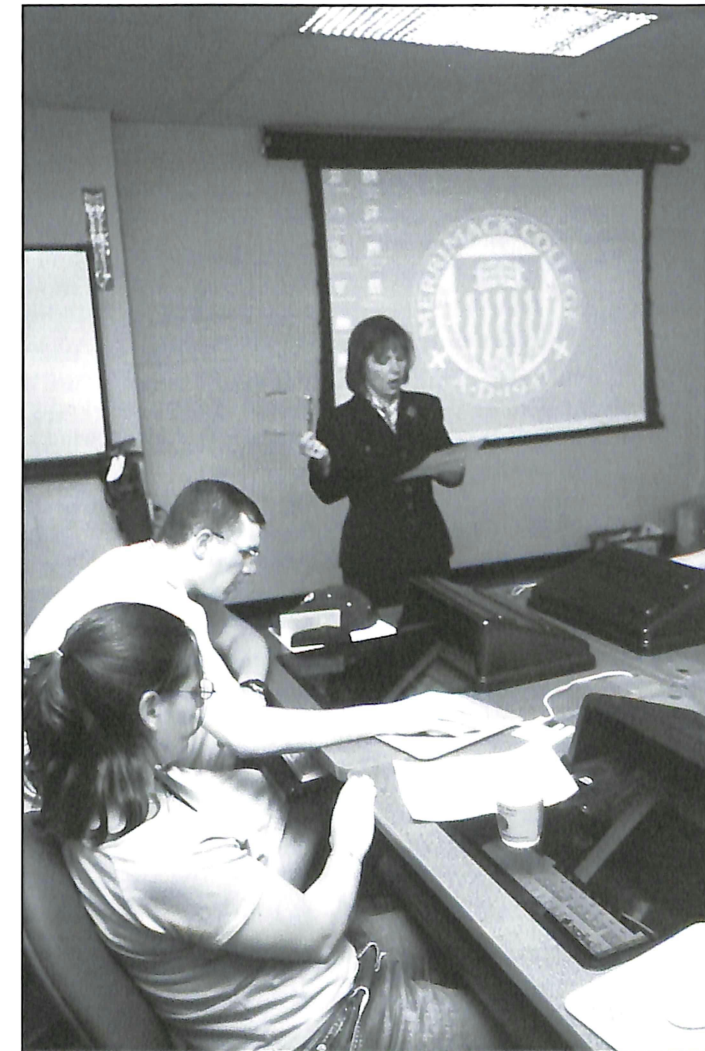
by David Rattigan

For Scott Marshall '01, the importance of what he'd been learning in The Francis E. Girard School of Business and International Commerce "Smart Classrooms" was underscored in his meetings with company recruiters.

"When I went to these sessions, they were all using PowerPoint presentations," he says. "It was interesting to see that what we were doing in class is also what companies are doing."

That reinforced the feedback that Marshall, the recipient of this year's Edward J. Burns Medal as the top student in the Business Management section (3.9 overall grade point average, 4.0 in business), had been getting from classmates who were working internships, or who'd graduated in December.

"They said that one thing a lot of companies ask is, 'What computer skills do you have? Can you use PowerPoint?'" says Marshall, who accepted a job with State Street Bank as a securities operations specialist.



Associate Professor Patricia Sendall teaches an e-commerce course in one of the "smart classrooms" at the Francis E. Girard School of Business and International Commerce.

David Spink photo

middle," says Ed Popper, D.B.A., dean of the school. "We expect we'll be accredited in 2003 or 2004."

Alumni from this year's class and others still talk about Merrimack's low teacher-student ratio as an important part of training better business leaders. Marshall, who transferred to Merrimack from a university with much larger classes, points out that at Merrimack a student is expected to contribute, not just take notes, which keeps students motivated. The technological innovations in the business department are also having a major impact on students. They have created a learning environment that more closely mirrors, and better prepares students for, the business experience.

"Think back to driver's ed," Popper says. "You don't learn how to drive a car by reading a book about how to drive a car. What this does is put students in the absolute real application."

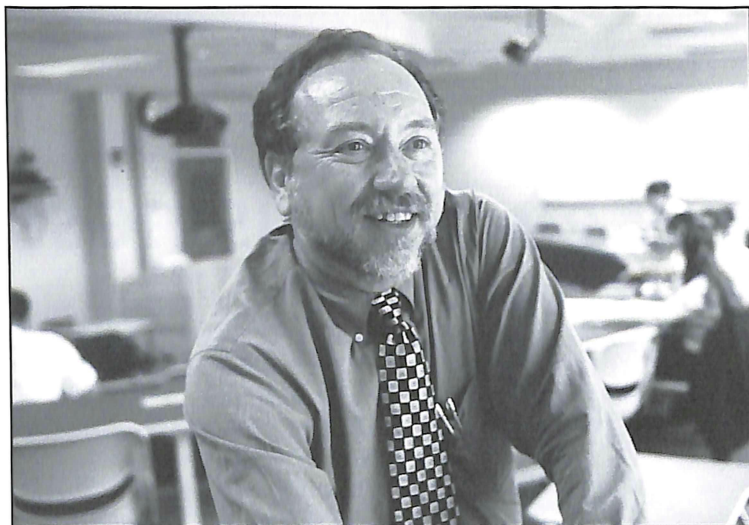
When the Business Department became the Girard School, there were several changes in both facilities and faculty, including:

- two new endowed chairs, named for Girard '62 (international business), and Robert J. Fabbriatore (entrepreneurship), to go along with the Ciejek Chair (finance) already in place;

The school continues to make significant progress in the process of accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), which will put it into an elite group. There are just 400 AACSB accredited business schools worldwide.

"It's a six- to seven-year process from beginning to end, and we're right in the





David Spink photo

On the subject of students using modern technology, Ed Popper, D.B.A., dean of the Girard School, makes an analogy to driver's education classes. "You don't learn how to drive a car by reading a book about how to drive a car," he says. "What this does is put students in the absolute real application."

- a business education resource center, including fellowships;
- a large "smart classroom" called The Girard Auditorium and other, smaller classrooms with the same multimedia capacities such as the Arthur Andersen Technology Center;
- an endowment for the international business program.

None of the innovations has had a more immediate impact than the increased number of "smart" multimedia classrooms, which put computer screens on students' desks and allow teachers and students to make professional presentations using state-of-the-art technology such as the Powerpoint program, or the Internet.

"Our classes are becoming increasingly technologically sophisticated," Popper says. "We have six different kinds of multimedia classrooms that we use."

In presentations, professors or students have the option of using a document camera that can project any object, in three dimensions, on the classroom screen. They can choose from DVD, CD-ROM, or VCR players. They can use the Internet, or teleconference. They may also use a smart board, the digital version of the old-style blackboard that allows notes to be stored on disc before they're erased. Students or professors can also use portable units

that have some of these features.

"Faculty members are adapting well," Popper says. "It really changes the way a professor can use a classroom. You can use desktop technology to project right off the screen

while also using any kind of other visual implement, whether you're talking about videotapes, DVDs, color pictures you're showing from a document camera, or going live off the Internet. With smart screen technology, you can easily swap between material on programs, to the Internet, to multimedia presentations, as well as having a white board that you can write on and save, on screen, and then download to students' computers."

For example, Popper says, if a professor is focused on the finances of a company, he or she could get onto the Internet and pull up that company's annual report. "You can talk about products and marketplaces much easier," he says.

"If you're teaching finance or accounting, something that's a spreadsheet-sensitive course, instead of having people use accounting pad notebooks, they come in with spreadsheets, and they can broadcast the spreadsheet right there on the screen and change it in real time. The class can discuss it, and you can say, 'Now what would happen if we change depreciation from a 10-year schedule to a 25-year schedule?' You push that, and all the numbers change, right there in the classroom. Absent that technology, you can't do that.

"Kids coming into college today are very sophisticated computer users," he says. "We're one of the few schools in

the area where this state-of-the-art technology is being used by undergraduates. Many schools have similar technology in their classrooms, but they're limited to graduate students."

Starting this fall, the college will recommend that incoming students have notebook computers.

In the physical redesign of the business school, classrooms were created in different shapes and sizes, with an eye toward discovering which were more effective. What professors and students have found is that different rooms have different advantages.

"It depends on how the professor uses the room, and how many students are in the class," says Associate Professor Patricia Sendall, who teaches information technology and e-commerce courses. She finds smaller rooms work best for seminars, but for a larger class such as Marketing Principles, a professor would look for a larger space such as the Girard Auditorium.

"We're finding that there is no single best classroom," she says. "A lot depends on teaching style."

Marshall says that when the classrooms first went on-line in the fall of 1999, some students were slow to move away from heavy use of the overhead projector during presentations. Gradually, they used the technology more fully. This was true of some faculty members as well. Sendall was not one of these, but she reports that even her more reticent colleagues have grown to really appreciate the improved technology.

"I'd never go back," Sendall says. "Once you start, the overhead projector seems so antique. These are really wonderful tools for us. Now that they're here, everybody wants to use them."

## Shareholders' Report: We're Over the Top!

Let the celebration begin! Because of your extraordinary generosity we have exceeded even our own expectations when we raised our Campaign for Merrimack College goal to \$40 million from the original \$25 million. We are happy to report that we have raised more than \$41 million. (Our campaign ended as the magazine went to press.)

We could not have done it without each of you. Your support and commitment to Merrimack College is truly gratifying. A final report will appear in the next issue of *Merrimack* magazine. Here are just a few examples of your philanthropy:

- More than 41,000 gifts have been received from more than 13,000 donors.
- More than 50 percent of alumni have participated in the campaign.
- Nine seven-figure gifts have been received to date (a first at this level in our history).
- The college has successfully met a challenge by The Kresge Foundation, recently receiving a \$600,000 grant toward the completion of its new Sakowich Campus Center. The Kresge Foundation's challenge was to raise \$4.2 million between December 1999 and June 30, 2001. (See Page 9.)
- Nine winners were announced at the first YAS Senior Honors Awards reception. The awards recognize academic initiative, originality and achievement above and beyond that required by the major's curriculum. More than 80 students submitted projects for consideration. (See Page 10.)
- Several hockey alumni have organized a challenge to name the new arena after former hockey coach J. Thom Lawler. For more on the Volpe Project, see accompanying story.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



Julie Jackson photo

Julie Kramer '00, Shane Barry '01, Carlos Jerome Haynes, Professor Robert Heinlein, Nathan Censullo '00, and Phaedra Barkas '01, at the Tambakas Film and Video Festival at the Rogers Center, which showcased student works.

## Volpe Athletic Complex expansion continues

Phase Two of the Volpe Athletic Complex's expansion and renovation will be completed before the start of the school year, and the drive to raise funding for the final phase of the dramatic restructuring continues.

Phase One, which cost \$1 million and was completed in summer 1999, saw a refurbished front lobby, increased office space for coaches and athletic administrators, and an expanded weight room.

Phase Two, which will cost approximately \$3 million, features the expansion of the front of the building on the hockey rink side, and a spacious hockey locker suite on the first floor. It also includes an identical suite for use by a potential women's program (and used in the interim by the women's softball team); and four luxury boxes on the second floor, along with a new VIP room for the Warriors Club.

"This will give us a state-of-the-art locker suite, which will help with recruiting and give us space for game preparation, practices, and a variety of functions," says David Breen, vice president of administration. "When it's completed, this will be as good a facility as any in the country."

In the planned Phase Three, the parking-lot side of the rink will be expanded and the inside of the rink will be restructured. The bleachers will be eliminated and the ice surface moved, and builders will create a bowl-shaped arena with 3,000 fixed seats and more luxury boxes, as well as a new entrance and lobby in the parking-lot side of the building.

"This will make it obvious that we're moving to make this a competitive Division I hockey program," says Bob DeGregorio, athletic director. "This is exactly what Merrimack needs to help us compete with the UNHs, BUs, Michigans and Michigan States. We won't have 8,000 to 10,000 seats, but it will be a state-of-the-art facility unique to the needs of Merrimack College."

—David Rattigan



## Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations honors a Rabbi and a humanitarian

Merrimack's Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations honored two of its own with the prestigious Tikkun Olam ("To heal the world") Award during the organization's annual dinner this spring. The honorees were Rabbi Robert Goldstein, the spiritual leader of Temple Emmanuel in Andover, and H. Bridget Shaheen '68, executive director of Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence. Rabbi Goldstein has been chairman of the board of directors for the center, and Shaheen is a founding member.

Rabbi Goldstein and Shaheen join a select list of recipients that includes Alan D. and Susan Lewis Solomont (notable for their active roles on behalf of numerous charitable and political causes), former Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci, Massachusetts Superior Court Judge John Fenton, Malden Mills President Aaron Feuerstein, Cardinal Bernard Law, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and the late attorney and Anti-Defamation League Executive Director Leonard Zakim.

"We are very proud of our honorees," said Dr. Padraic O'Hare, director of the center. "These individuals have deeply and effectively committed themselves to justice and peace and reverence among peoples in different religious communities. We are honored to have them associated with the center."

—Kathleen Franzese '83

## Modica-Napolitano awarded fellowship for cancer research

Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano, associate professor of biology, was named the first recipient of the Paul E. Murray Fellowship for 2001-02. The award helps to continue her cancer-cell research project, a mission of more than 15 years chronicled in the winter 2000 edition of *Merrimack* magazine.



Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano

The fellowship stems from the Paul E. Murray Fund, which has been benefiting Merrimack since the 1980s. The Fund is a bequest from Andover resident Paul Murray and his daughter Alice, to support significant research projects at the college.

"I am honored to receive this award and am delighted that people like the Murray family have generously donated their resources to make research a reality at Merrimack College," Napolitano said. "It is often difficult for scientists at small undergraduate colleges to compete with universities and larger research institutes for research funds so I am very grateful to Ms. Murray for making it happen for us."

This fall, Napolitano will present results of her research at the first Paul E. Murray Symposium.

The biochemist will take a sabbatical this fall and possibly for a full year, to continue this project. Over the years she has received a series of grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support the project, which regularly involves student assistants from Merrimack. This year, she received a two-year, \$75,000 grant from the NIH.

—Kathleen Franzese '83



Merrimack President Richard Santagati, left, stands with Tikkun Olam Award winners Bridget Shaheen '68 and Rabbi Robert Goldstein.

Joseph Hakey photo

## New fund reflects friendship

The friendship between the late Rev. Thomas Casey, O.S.A., and the late Kenneth Braverman was a model for the mission of the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack.

It was also the inspiration for a new fund, from a donation from Ken's widow, Roberta Braverman, to support library resources for the study of Jewish-Christian Relations. Films, books, CD-Roms, and other material will be housed at the McQuade Library. It is named the Kenneth Braverman and Thomas Casey, O.S.A., Memorial Fund for Library Resources in the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations.

After his retirement, Braverman took classes at Merrimack and had a particular interest in religion. Father Casey was one of his professors, and the two men struck up a friendship. When Braverman was sick with cancer, Father Casey was a frequent hospital visitor. When he passed away in 1996, Father Casey spoke at his funeral, along with his rabbi, Robert Goldstein of Temple Emmanuel in Andover.

"Ken Braverman was a very devoted and devout Jew," Rabbi Goldstein said. "He befriended Father Casey, and they became very close friends and soulmates ... This bequest is really a celebration of that."

—David Rattigan

## IRELAND BOUND

Thirsting for an Irish adventure at a pint-sized price? Terry Monahan '66 of House of Travel American Express is leading alumni and friends and on a four-day, four-night Irish Pint Tour November 1-6.

Alumni will visit Limerick, Killarney, Blarney, Dublin, the village of Adare, the Cliffs of Moher, and the Dingle Peninsula. They'll see spectacular sights on the coast and in the countryside, and enjoy all the charms of Ireland. Evening entertainment in Irish pubs is optional.

Cost is \$699 per person plus international departure tax (double occupancy). For more information, contact Lisa Marie at (800) 222-8283, or visit their Web site at [www.hottravel.com](http://www.hottravel.com).

## Merrimack meets Kresge \$4.2 million challenge

Merrimack College has successfully met a challenge by The Kresge Foundation, receiving a \$600,000 grant toward the completion of the Sakowich Campus Center that was dedicated in January 2001.

The Kresge Foundation's challenge was to raise \$4.2 million between December 1999 and June 30, 2001. The grant is part of the five-year "Campaign for Merrimack College," which had an original goal of \$25 million. When that goal was surpassed, a new goal to raise \$40 million was established. (For more, see Shareholders' Report, page 7.)

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. Grants recipients raise initial funds toward their projects before requesting foundation assistance. Grants are made on a challenge basis, requiring the institution to raise remaining funds, thereby insuring completion of projects involving construction or renovation of facilities. Grants are awarded to institutions of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, human services, science and the environment, and public affairs, based on the strength of the institution, its financial stability and its ability to attract donors.

This was the first time Merrimack has received a Kresge challenge grant. Nearly 600 institutions apply annually to Kresge with approximately 200 grants awarded.

—Kathleen Franzese '83

## Gladstone is honored by Friends

In recognition of his long-term commitment and support for the college, Karl Gladstone of North Andover received the first Friends of Merrimack Award at the organization's annual dinner.

The Friends also presented a \$77,200 check to President Santagati to provide scholarships for Merrimack students. That's the largest amount ever contributed by the Friends.

Gladstone is a former president of the Men of Merrimack (forerunner to the Friends) and 10 years ago was one of the original members of the Friends of Merrimack Scholarship Program, which has benefited more than 1500 students. He has established two scholarships at Merrimack: the Richard and Rose Gladstone Scholarship and the Karl and Joyce Gladstone Foundation Friends of Merrimack Scholarship. He holds an honorary doctorate, along with his wife, Joyce, from Merrimack, and is a former Merrimack trustee. Gladstone is an honorary member of the Lawrence Rotary and the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. He serves on the board of directors of the Lawrence Boating Program and is a member of the Northern Essex Community College Foundation. He has been the Boy Scouts' Man of the Year, and is a member of several other community and philanthropic organizations.

The Friends of Merrimack College award will be given annually to individuals who best exemplify the group's mission of social, cultural, and fundraising activities. The Friends also honored outgoing presidents Larry Ardito of Andover and Mary Beth McInnis of North Andover, who were instrumental in increasing the membership of the Friends to more than 550 members during their two-year tenure.

New board members, inducted during the event, include co-presidents Maria Rosati and Frank Terranova, both of North Andover; vice presidents Joyce Daher Belko of North Andover and Bill Buck of Andover; and recording secretaries Francis Ferrara of Andover and Diane Coletta of Haverhill, Mass.

—Kathleen Franzese '83



Karl Gladstone



Chris Matthews

## TV personality Chris Matthews will speak at Merrimack

Political analyst and TV talk show host Chris Matthews will appear in the Merrimack College Speaker Series on the evening of November 4.

The speed-talking Matthews is best known for hosting the nightly *Hardball with Chris Matthews* on both MSNBC and CNBC.

He is also a frequent commentator on NBC's *Today* and the regular substitute anchor on NBC's *Weekend Today*. Matthews is a nationally syndicated columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the author of *Hardball* (1988) and *Kennedy & Nixon* (1996).

The series is held at the college's Rogers Center for the Arts.

For information or to reserve tickets, call the center box office at (978) 837-5355.



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### Anything for the sorority?

Colleen Lancelotta takes a pie in the face from alleged friend Eric Rosberg '01 as part of a fundraiser for Theta Phi Alpha. Hilary Mason, left, and Tara Bongiorno are in the background.

### Students take home YAS Senior Honors Awards

Several seniors were recipients of the first YAS Senior Honors Awards, recognizing academic initiative, originality and achievement beyond that required by their major's curriculum.

Entrepreneur Rouzbeh Yassini, founder and chief executive officer of YAS Broadband Ventures, LLC of Andover, made the awards to promote and reward excellence on the part of graduating seniors.

Well known as a pioneer in the development of high-speed communications and as the father of the cable modem, Yassini has been given credit for creating and fostering the multi-billion dollar cable modem "Broadband" industry.

First, second and third prizes were awarded to students from Liberal Arts, Science and Engineering, and the Girard School of Business. First prize was \$5,000; second was \$2,500, and third was \$1,000. More than 80 students submitted projects for consideration and worked closely with faculty members on each project, a rarity among undergraduate schools.

The winners: in Liberal Arts, Kellie Delli Colli (psychology), Geoffrey Beaulieu (history), and Laurie Williams (English); in Science and Engineering, the team of Craig Chesley, Steve Coreia, Kevin Donoghue and Brian Vardaro (electrical engineering), Kristin Zaramba (biology), and Rebecca R. Rotti (chemistry); and in the Girard School of Business, the teams of Sandra Cutone, Kelly Karcz, Marjon Tondravi, and Patrick Varone (marketing), Lisa Castellano and Patrick Sueltenfuss (management), and Michael Deakyne, Dax Fountain, and Jarod Trudel (finance).

Yassini viewed the students' poster presentations, presented the YAS Awards and briefly spoke about the anticipated growth in global communications. He predicted "an explosion during the next 10 years in the information age which will have tremendous energy not only to improve global communications but also to improve the quality of life for all of us."

—Kathleen Franzese '83



Beth Damas '01 chats with Rouzbeh Yassini as Yassini views student poster presentations before presenting the YAS Senior Honors Awards.

Joseph Haakey photo

### College applications reached a record number

Merrimack received a record number of applications for admission this year, reaching nearly 3,400. That figure represents an increase of 20 percent from last year; the typical increase over the past several years has been 5 to 7 percent. In addition, visitors to the campus have increased by 25 percent, with a record number of campus tours and on-site interviews conducted.

"This is an extraordinary year for Merrimack," President Richard Santagati said. "Since 1994 we have seen an increase of more than 91 percent in applications and our acceptance rate has been reduced by more than 15 percentage points."

With a strong economy and more high school students graduating than ever before, Merrimack is being included on more of students' "must see" lists. New campus facilities, such as the Sakowich Campus Center, the Rogers Center for the Arts, and Deegan Hall, are big attractions. New programs in academics and student life, such as the new major in Communication, as well as more alumni spreading the news about Merrimack, really make a difference.

Listed in *Barron's Guide to Colleges* as "very competitive," Merrimack's 2001-02 acceptance rate decreased from 69 percent to 62 percent.

"We are becoming much more competitive," said Mary Lou Retelle Smart, dean of admission and financial aid. "A greater number of Merrimack applicants are also applying to top schools such as Tufts, BC, and BU. We're competing with a much broader field than in years past."

The number of accepted students who enroll is approximately 550, a figure that has remained stable over the past several years. "We maintain an overall enrollment of approximately 2,000 each year," Retelle said. "Additionally, we enroll 90 transfer students, 25 of whom are freshmen."

—Kathleen Franzese '83



Charlie Day '98 (with knife) was one of the stars of the Huntington Theatre Company's production of *Dead End* in Boston last fall. Artistic Director Nicholas Martin says of Day, "Great artists are born, not made. Certainly, charisma can't be taught."

T. Charles Erickson photo

## Charlie Day '98 gets rave reviews

**You may not know him yet, but you will: This hot young actor got his start on the Merrimack stage.**

by David Rattigan

Particularly considering that Merrimack doesn't have a theater department, one has to be impressed with the inroads Charlie Day '98 has made in his acting career.

Boston theater critics got their first look at Day last fall when he played one of the leading roles in *Dead End* at the Huntington Theatre. The revival of Sydney Kingsley's Depression-era tale of poverty and class differences won rousing reviews. "As the first production under the leadership of the Huntington's new artistic director, Nicholas Martin, *Dead End* stands as one of the most exciting debuts in years," wrote the *Boston Herald's* Terry Byrne, who praised the "heartbreaking ability of Tommy (Charlie Day) to waver between confident leader and little boy."

The *Boston Globe's* Patti Hartigan wrote, "Charlie Day hides a sort of sweetness beneath his swagger."

Nice words, but Martin has even more praise for him.

"Charlie is one of the most exciting young talents in New York today," says Martin. "He's charismatic, and his work is honest in every detail. Even when he was young, in tiny parts, he had something that others didn't. In *Dead End* he completely rewarded my faith in him as an actor."

Those who didn't attend the play might have glimpsed Day's face in small speaking roles in various television shows and commercials. He was interrogated by police on *Law & Order*, was a wise-guy coffee shop clerk in *Madigan Men*, and was a mailroom clerk who makes a pass at Mary Tyler Moore in the TV movie *Mary and Rhoda*. For the



past three years, he's lived in New York City.

One of his best-remembered — and best paying, he received residual checks for a year — roles was in a Cascade commercial, where he played a college graduate who wanted to “skip a step” and go right into a comfortable retirement.

He's done two more commercials since then, national spots for Thomas' Bagels and Burger King. In the Thomas' commercial, he and another guy are moving a couch when they get a bagel yearning. In the Burger King spot, he and as in the Thomas' commercial (coincidentally the same actor) are sitting on a couch when someone in a chicken suit comes in and proceeds to disrobe. The tag line: “Some chicken strips are better than others.”

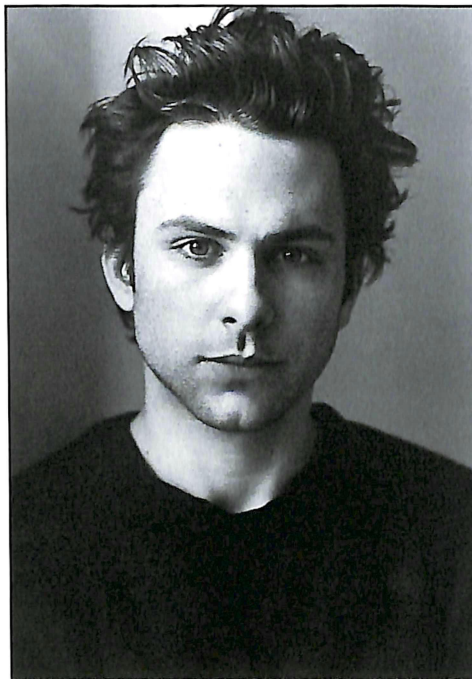
In addition, he's done regional commercials for Nike/Footlocker and Bob's Stores, and has appeared in a national spot for Iam.Com, a web site for musicians and actors. What made that commercial noteworthy is it debuted at the Oscars, and was directed by Spike Lee. At the audition, actors were told to come in with a monologue, to perform for the commercial.

“I thought it was going to be humiliating, so I decided to recite the lines from an old Juicy Fruit commercial,” he says. “I replaced the word ‘Juicy’ with ‘Blanky.’ I did the whole bit, acting bad for the sake of acting bad.”

Day didn't realize Lee was the director until he got a callback. Fortunately, “(Lee) got a big kick out of it.” His Blanky Fruit monologue didn't make the final cut of the commercial, but he got in, reciting the line (in a mock-sarcastic tone), “I was born to act.”

He's also done voices for the MTV claymation show *Celebrity Death Match*, playing the Smashing Pumpkins' Billy Corrigan and Kid Rock's sidekick Joey C.

Along with all of that, Day has



Charlie Day '98

played in short and feature-length independent films including *The Rain Comes Down Gently in April*, *Angela* and *Camp Fire Stories*. He recently shot a scene playing a Washington Square Park drug dealer in a Chris Rock-Anthony Hopkins film called *Black Sheep*.

He's also recently read for two films in which the decision came down to him or a more established actor with a more recognizable name. The other guy won.

“That was tough,” he says, “but good things are around the corner. Until then, I hope to get the occasional commercial to pay the rent.”

So, how does one go from the church basement to the Big Apple?

“There's no theater major at Merrimack,” Day says, “but there are some great professors in the Fine Arts Department.” Day took classes in theater and drama studies, and did some acting with the On Stagers. He graduated with

a bachelor of arts degree in fine arts, with a concentration in theater.

In fact, one of his professors, Robert Heinlein, sparked his interest in theater when he took a class to see a play in Boston. The group went out to eat afterward, and wound up in the same restaurant as a few of the actors. “I thought, ‘These guys get to put on a play and then eat burgers,’” Day recalls. “I can do that, too.”

During his time at Merrimack, another student with a similar interest, John “Foosie” Forsman '95, told him about an apprenticeship at the prestigious Williamstown Theatre Festival. For the past four summers, Day has served an apprenticeship there where, he says, “I had the opportunity to work with some wonderful and familiar actors,” among them Ethan Hawke, Jeffrey Jones (the principal in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*) and David Schwimmer (*Friends*).

He has also worked his way up the ranks of actors, and made connections, including one with Martin, who cast him twice in *Dead End*. The first time the play was performed, four years ago at Williamstown, Day had a small role. The second time he was one of the leads.

Day's success, given his relative inexperience, is testimony to his innate talent.

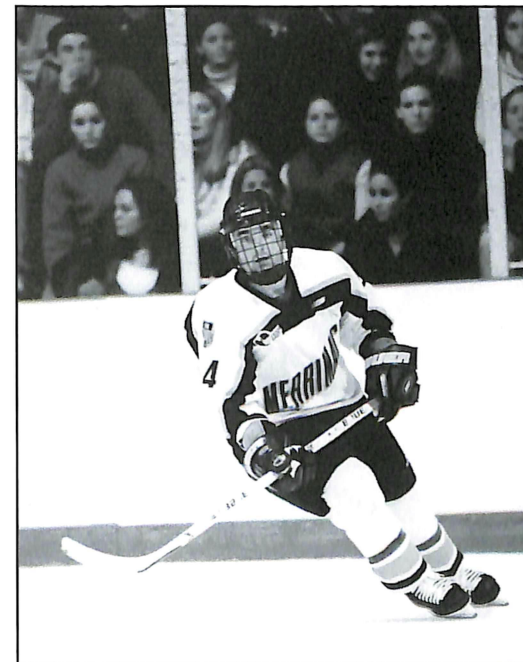
“Great artists are born, not made,” Martin says of Day. “Certainly, charisma can't be taught.”

In his first year in New York, Day waited on tables, answered phones, and did whatever else he could to pay the rent.

“Since I've had an agent, I've been able to start making a living through acting,” says Day, who is represented by the same agency that handles Ben Affleck and Matt Damon. “As soon as I had representation, I started to get work. I know how lucky I am, though. I have friends who have agents, and they still have day jobs.”

## 2000-01 Winter/Spring Sports Roundup

Text by Tom O'Brien, sports information director



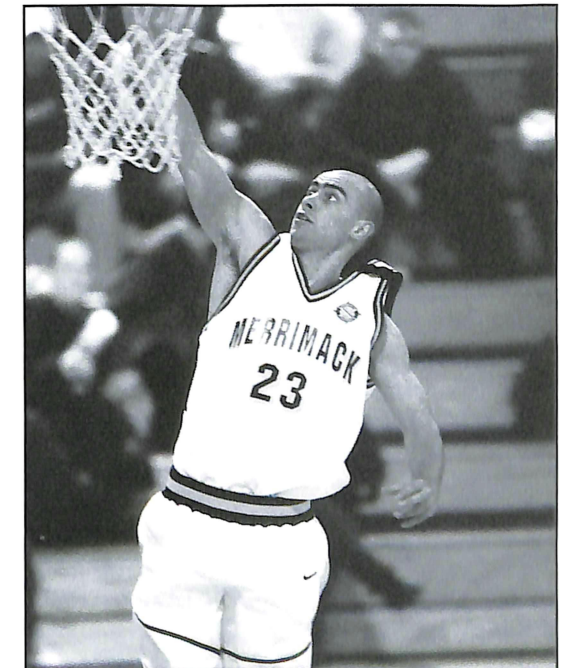
Forward Joey Gray '01 was named the US College Hockey Online National Player of the Week.

### Hockey

Merrimack advanced to the Hockey East playoffs for a fifth straight season, finishing with an overall record of 14-20-4 and a league mark of 7-14-3. The season was highlighted by four victories over nationally ranked opponents, including a 6-3 win at home over eventual national champion Boston College. Sophomore forward Anthony Aquino was named to the All-Hockey East team after finishing among the league leaders with 42 points on 17 goals and 25 assists. Goaltender Joe Exter earned Hockey East All-Rookie Team honors. The Dallas Stars selected two Merrimack players in the National Hockey League's entry draft. Aquino was picked in the third round and center Marco Rosa in the eighth round.

### Men's Basketball

Warrior men's basketball player Matt VanLeeuwen moved up to 10<sup>th</sup> on the school's all-time scoring list, finishing his four-year career with 1,450 points. The senior was named to the All-Conference Third Team. Sophomore Craig Griffin earned All-Northeast-10 Second Team honors after leading the Northeast-10 and finishing third in the nation in rebounding. The Warriors finished the season with a 13-15 overall record and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Northeast-10 Tournament.

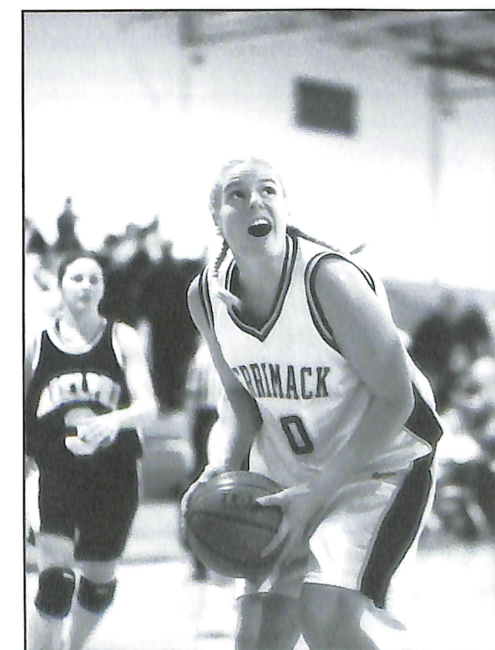


Guard Matt VanLeeuwen '01 finished 10<sup>th</sup> on the school's all-time scoring list, with 1,450 points.

### Women's Basketball

Morgan McEwen became the 10<sup>th</sup> player in school history to score 1,000 points in her career and the junior has now scored in double figures in 50 straight games.

McEwen was named to the All-Conference Third Team and junior Stacey Knapp was selected for the Second Team after leading the league and finishing second in the nation in rebounding. The Warriors posted an overall mark of 12-15 and advanced to the Northeast-10 Playoffs.



Junior forward Stacy Knapp led the Northeast-10 and finished second in the nation in rebounding

Photos by Al Pereira

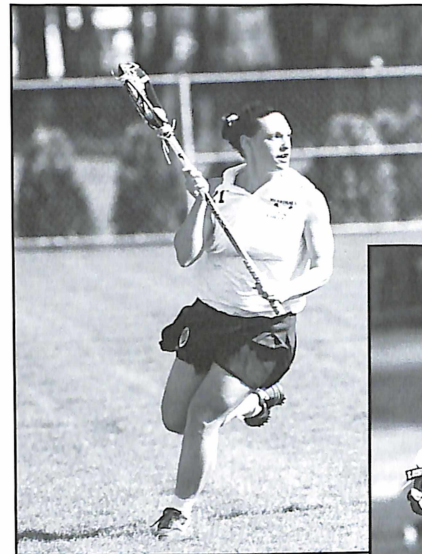




Centerfielder Travis Veilleux '01 was named to the Northeast-10 All-Conference Third Team.

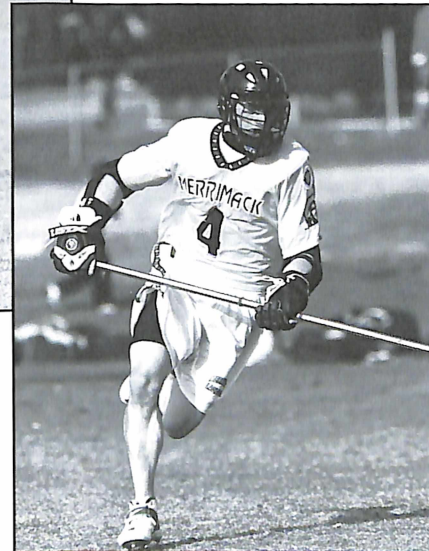
## Baseball

Three Merrimack baseball players earned All-Conference honors as outfielder Travis Veilleux, third baseman Gary Venner and pitcher Chris Canestrari were named to the Third Team. The Warriors had an overall record of 17-25. Freshman shortstop Jeff Plunge led the team with a .380 average while Rocco Mastrangelo pounded 10 home runs.



## Women's Lacrosse

In just its third season, the women's lacrosse team went 10-5 and advanced to the Northeast-10 Finals. The Warriors took three of the four major awards in the Northeast-10, with head coach Karen Lahey being named Coach of the Year, Amanda Baldwin the Defensive Player of the Year and Alisa Arakelian earning Freshman of the Year honors. Lisa Castellano led the conference and finished second in the nation in scoring.



Lisa Castellano '01 led the Northeast-10 and finished second in NCAA Division II in scoring.

David Eaton '01 was named the Northeast-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

## Men's Lacrosse

The Warriors were ranked No. 9 in the Final USILA Division II national poll after going 10-6 in 2001. Merrimack finished second in the conference with a mark of 8-2 and advanced to the Northeast-10 Tournament final. Senior David Eaton was honored as the Northeast-10 Defensive Player of the Year and was named All-Conference as were teammates Jeff Abelli, Brian Conry, Nate Shippee, Jason Slye and Sam West.

## Softball

Merrimack's success continued. The Warriors won 33 of their last 37 games to finish with an overall mark of 40-8, the third 40-win season in the last four years. Merrimack captured its fifth straight Northeast-10 regular-season title with a 22-3 mark in league play, then hosted and won the Northeast-10 Tournament Championship. Shortstop Katie Morgis was named to the All-America Second Team and was tabbed the New England Player of the Year. Morgis joined fellow infielders Heather Faria, Stacey Arpin and Lana Garzone and outfielder Tricia Andrews on the All-Conference First Team. Pitcher Meghan Condon was named NE-10 Freshman of the Year after going 21-5 on the mound.



Third baseman Heather Faria '01 was one of the five Warriors to earn All-Conference First Team honors.

## Sullivan named interim head football coach

Offensive coordinator Gerry Sullivan will serve as interim head coach for the 2001 season as football coach Tom Caito takes a leave of absence. Caito requested the one-season leave due to personal matters.

Sullivan has been with the football program since its inaugural season in 1996. He was promoted to offensive coordinator following the 1997 season, and served in that capacity for the last three years. Last season, Merrimack ranked sixth in the Eastern Football Conference in pass offense, with an average of 123 yards per game. In 1999, his offense finished third in the EFC in rushing, averaging 250.4 yards per game on the ground.

Prior to coming to Merrimack, the UMass Lowell graduate was head coach at Wilmington, Mass. High School.

Caito was named Merrimack's first head football coach in August 1995. He has led the Warriors to a 22-25 record over the past five seasons. The team's best season was in 1999 when it went 7-3 overall and 6-3 in Eastern Football Conference play. Caito compiled a 247-75-10 record over 33 years as a high school coach before coming to Merrimack.

The Warriors return 15 starters from last year's squad that finished with an overall record of 4-6. Merrimack opens the 2001 season on September 7 at Bentley College.

## Hackers unite!

Again this year, the blue and gold assaults pristine greens at the annual Hackers Golf Tournament. The alumni tourney benefits Merrimack athletic programs.

This year's event takes place at Far Corner Golf Course in West Boxford, Mass., on Thursday, Sept. 20. It features a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

To register or for more information, call the alumni office at (978) 837-5440.



Co-captain Patrick Bergin '01 played No. 2 singles for the Warriors.

## Men's Tennis

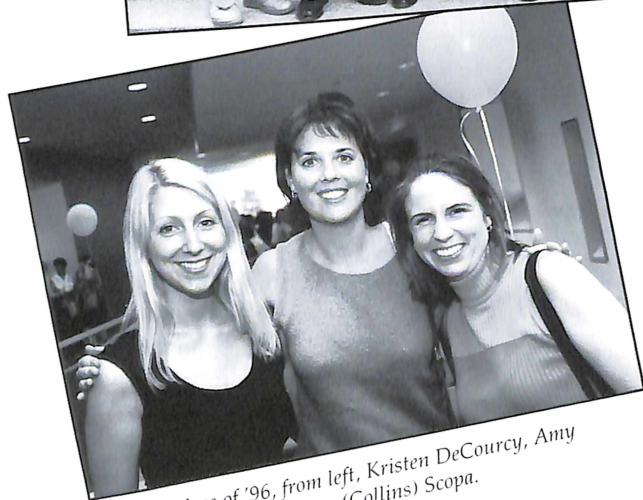
The Warriors went 4-10 in 2001, picking up victories over Springfield, American International, St. Anselm and LeMoyne. Sean Ryan led the squad with an 8-5 record at No. 4 singles. Ryan and Justin Contois combined for three wins at No. 2 doubles. The top player was Joe Raymond who played No. 1 singles in the team's final 12 matches.



# Reunion 2001



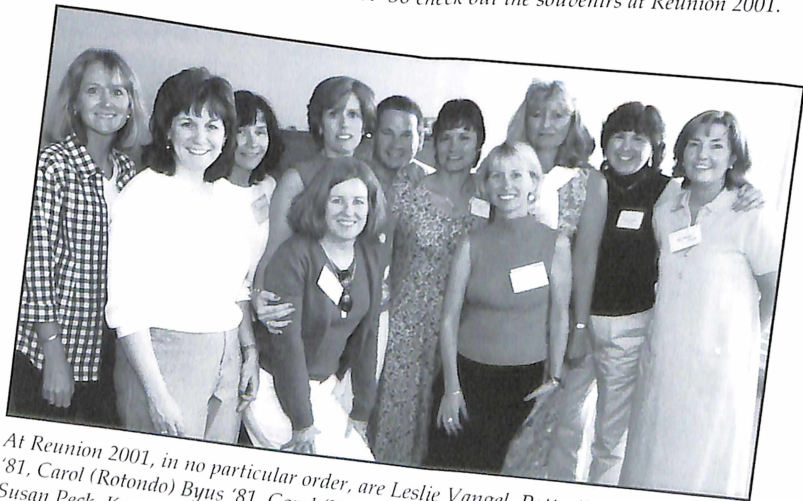
The class of '51, after Mass at Reunion 2001. Front from left, Ed Powers, Al Larose, Bill O'Connor, Rev. John Silk, Dan Breen, Bill Daly, Bob Quine, and Jim Reynolds. Back row, Gerry McCarthy, Fred Sexton, John Buckley, Jim McGillivray, Larry Morrisroe, Charlie Hoen, Gerry Jutras, Jim Smith, James Healy, and Don Beaton.



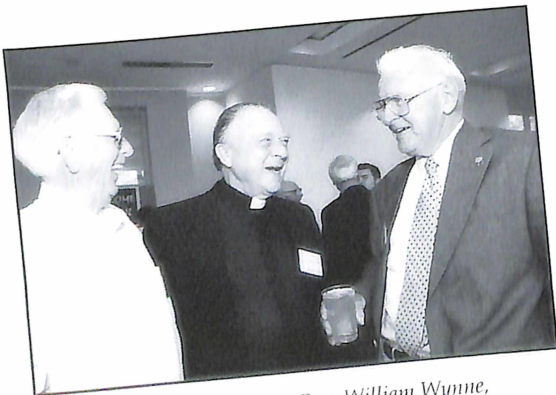
From the class of '96, from left, Kristen DeCourcy, Amy (McCoy) Mullen, and Amy (Collins) Scopa.



June and Don Chabot '56 check out the souvenirs at Reunion 2001.

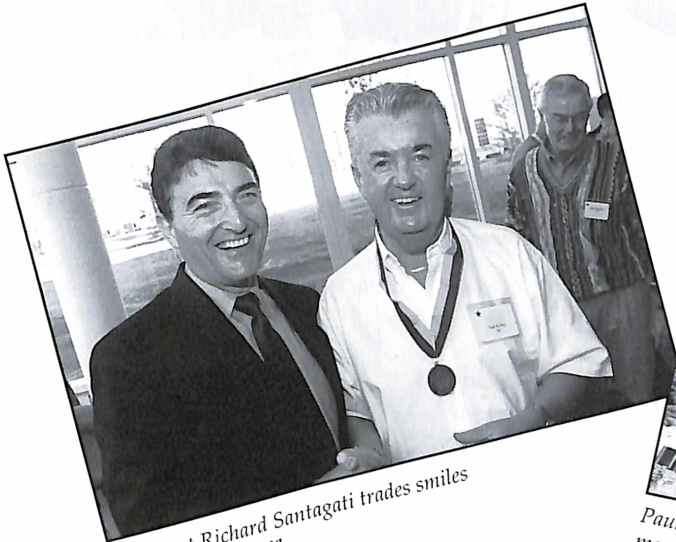


At Reunion 2001, in no particular order, are Leslie Vangel, Patty (Murren) Curtis '81, Carol (Rotondo) Byus '81, Carol (Walker) Acquaviva, Rosemary Webb '83, Susan Peck, Karen Goguen, Maryann (Morelli) Rego '81 with husband Mickey '82, Amy (Hartnett) Carignan '81 and Kal McDonald.

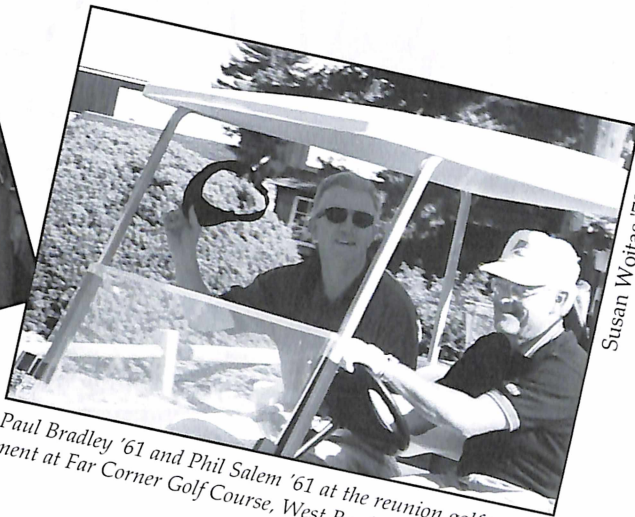


From left, Phil Haggerty '56, Rev. William Wynne, O.S.A., and Don Beaton '51.

Photos by Frank J. Leone Jr.



President Richard Santagati trades smiles with Ted Kelley '61.



Paul Bradley '61 and Phil Salem '61 at the reunion golf tournament at Far Corner Golf Course, West Boxford, Mass.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo



They're not just priests; they're alumni priests. From left, Rev. George Morgan, O.S.A., '61, Rev. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A., '52, Rev. Mark Knestout '86, and Rev. John Silk '51 celebrate the reunion Mass. That's Father Joe Farrell, O.S.A., director of campus ministry, in the background.



Members of the class of '66 got together for an informal Sunday brunch at the Wyndham Hotel following reunion. From left, Frieda Bleeck, Lynn (Hofer) Way, Pat (Finucane) McCumber, and Mary (Wood) Foreman.

John Obert '66 photo



Peter Darling '86 and Kathy (Colliton) Scanlon '86 admire a photo of their class during Reunion 2001. Also pictured is Ellen Bonaventura '86.



# MEDIEVAL FORUM

## IS BECOMING A TRADITION FOR SOME MERRIMACK SCHOLARS

Again this year, a group of Merrimack students participated in the scholarly New England Medieval Forum at Plymouth (N.H.) State College. It's become one of the college's newest traditions.

Since 1993, small groups of juniors and seniors have presented academic papers on medieval English literature, otherwise open only to graduate students and faculty from throughout the country. Thus far, 21 Merrimack alumni can claim the experience, including the most recent, Laurie J. Williams '01.

"It's a lot of fun," says Audrey Nicholson '97 of Andover, an English teacher as well as a published poet and essayist. "It's very daunting because it's mostly graduate students and people with doctorates in Medieval Studies. We knew there'd be a question-and-answer period, and that part scared us."

Nerves aside, the Merrimack groups tend to hold their own intellectually. In 1997, when Nicholson attended in a group that included Stephanie Lisa Feo, Neil Serven and Amy Spickler, there was a professor from the University of Virginia, a specialist in medieval studies, who went out of his way to compliment the group.

"We did get heckled by some grad students who thought they knew more than we did," Nicholson recalls. "They weren't presenting, but were sitting with their professor. They thought they'd shot us down, but we shot right back."

Merrimack's participation in the forum reflects the interest and influence of Professor Jerri Branca, chairman of the English Department, who shares her deep love of medieval literature with her students.

"My goal in having students do this is to increase or improve upon their ability to present their work publicly," Branca says, as well as to "gain respect for our students' intellectual work from scholars elsewhere." The experience requires "a great deal of preparation, analytical ability, and a willingness to risk public debate about their ideas and their research methods and findings," Branca says. "The experience, alternately unnerving and exhilarating, stretches their abilities to communicate effec-

In 1994, juniors Robert Koosa and Alyssa Howe (who attended along with Mark Fleming and Kelly Ann Burke) presented their own translation of *Beowulf*. As Koosa knew from his Merrimack studies, it was a far different text from the abridged version he'd been introduced to in high school.

"When most people think of Old or medieval English, they think of Shakespeare," says Koosa, of Waterbury, Conn., a former English teacher who recently completed studies at

Quinnipiac University School of Law. "That's not nearly the case. Old English is a whole different language."

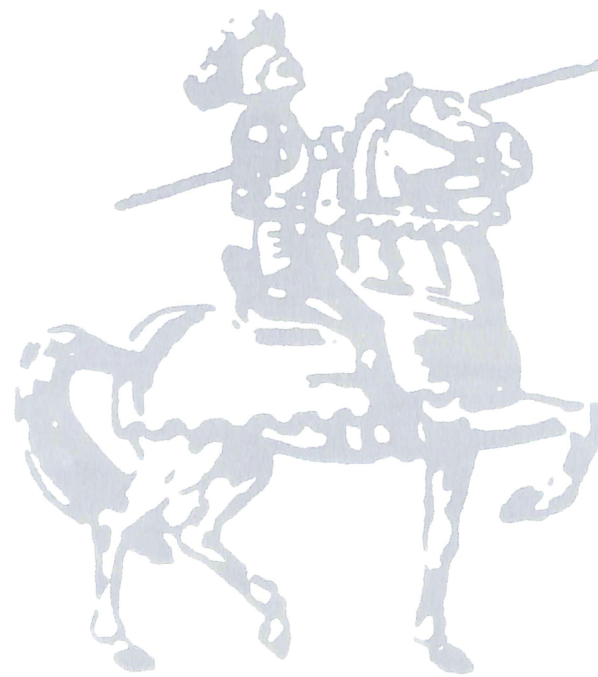
Koosa worked hard to learn his passages, wandering through his apartment, reciting them. His roommates, accounting and math majors, learned along with him — albeit involuntarily.

"They didn't know what it meant, but they could recite the passages," he says. "I don't know how pleased they were, but they could recite them."

Koosa's experience and appreciation for literature and learning carried over to his experiences in the classroom, and Nicholson, too, gained greater appreciation for the earlier forms of imaginative expression in English. In fact, she and some Merrimack friends — including David Belleville '98, Stephanie Feo '97, Frank Napolitano Jr. '99 (who is now studying medieval literature at the graduate level), Jen Howland '98 — and others get together once in a while for readings.

"Some even wear chain mail," she says.

—David Rattigan



tively. Whatever field they go into, it should benefit them."

While the forum is scholarly in nature, there are lighter aspects to the weekend, including the final dinner, in which all the foods served are recreated from the time period, and some attend in period dress. Also, lyric sheets are provided for a short medieval sing-along led by musicians practiced in medieval Latin musical forms.

### M53

**Emilie (Orlando) '53** and **Frank '56 Collopy** and were presented with the third Richard Britt Humanitarian Award at the Merrimack hockey banquet in April. This award recognizes outstanding behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the team.

### M58

**Joseph Sheehan** has retired after forty years in social work. He and his wife are planning a trip to England and Scotland, after which they plan to spend some time in a volunteer capacity, possibly in Appalachia.

### M61

**Michelle Grace (Tombarelli) McCotter** is actively running her own business in property rentals and management in West Virginia.

### M63

**Timothy Samway** was recently honored with the Jeannie Melucci Memorial Award for his more-than-generous volunteer service to the members of the Lawrence, Mass., Boys and Girls Clubs for more than 20 years. "We were introduced through Bert Hammel and the basketball program,"

writes Steve Kelley, associate director. "He is an incredible man who is a credit to Merrimack and an asset to our community."

### M66

**Kathleen (Swain) Cunningham**, the elementary-school computer teacher in Saugus for nearly eight years, will be the new media specialist for all six elementary schools in town. She has taught in Saugus for 11 years.

**Ronald McAllister** is serving as acting president of Elizabethtown (Pa.) College for a six-month period while President Ted Long (former Provost at Merrimack) is on sabbatical.

**Anne Marie (Dorgan) Omweg**, who has lived in California since 1969, recently moved back to New England. Retired after 10 years as principal of San Roque Catholic School in Santa Barbara, she is embarking on a new path of alternative healing. She has trained as a Reiki practitioner, and has interests in many methods of energy healing.

### M68

**Ed Shannon's** name was discovered on the AIDS quilt which was displayed at Merrimack, by his cousin who is a current Merrimack



Pat (Wallace) '65 and Jim McMorrow '62 hosted an alumni reception at their Tucson, Arizona, home. Those on hand included Carrie Hagberg '98, Barbara McCarthy-Hall '77, Fran (Haniewicz) Butzberger '65, Bob Butzberger '65, Pat and Jim, Lou Pelletier, Kathy (Shannon) Pelletier '67, and Bob Lindley '70. The cactus, it is believed, matriculated elsewhere. A reception was also held in Phoenix.

### Catching up with ...

Rev. George Morgan, O.S.A., '61 celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> reunion this year, and in November celebrates the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. He serves as the college's special assistant to the President's

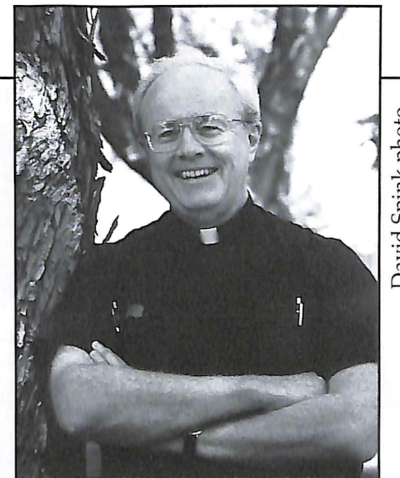
Council, and is also the prior of the religious community at St. Augustine Parish in Andover. Over the years he has held several positions at the college, including director of campus ministry and director of alumni relations.

"The sense of community one learns here still works," Father George says. "Most of my best friends are my college friends. Not all, but most of them."

Father George keeps in touch with many alumni. "Some I had as students, later I prepared them for marriage and baptized their children. I've buried many of them, the whole spectrum. Of course, I'm not getting older," he jokes, "but they are."

"The spiritual life I represent and the administrative work I do dovetails with the Augustinian sense of community and service," he says. "Being a living example of what Merrimack College is all about for alumni, parents and friends is very important to the work I do."

His message to alumni: "One of the major aims of a Merrimack education is becoming a good person. It appears to me we can all be proud of who we are becoming."



Rev. George Morgan, O.S.A., '61

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student. Ed was the brother of **Kathleen Pelletier '67**, **Dr. Eileen Shannon '69**, **Geraldine Shannon '74**, and **Thomas Shannon '75**.

**Margaret Toomey** is chief of staff for Massachusetts State Senator Therese Murray (D-Plymouth). Margaret has extensive experience in issues pertaining to health care.

### M69

**Terry Donovan** is vice president of quality, training and documentation for Fiber Optic Network Solutions Corporation, a leading provider of passive fiber optic components and interconnect solutions.

### M70

**Joyce McDonough** received the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Residency at the Bellagio International Study and Conference Center on Lake Como, Italy for the completion of her NSF funded monograph on the



phonetic structure of the Navajo language. Joyce is an assistant professor in the Linguistics Department at the University of Rochester, N.Y.

**Mark Call** is the director of public works for the town of Weymouth, Mass. Mark was formerly the director of the DPW in Framingham, Mass., and also was a construction manager on the Big Dig.

## M71

**William Heybruck** received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. “After eight years of part-time schooling I’m glad it’s over,” Bill writes.

## M72

**Norma (Murnaghan) Horan** participated in the 2001 Principals’ Academy sponsored by the

National Catholic Education Association held in Washington, DC. Norma, principal of St. Timothy School in Columbus, Ohio, met with principals from all over the U.S. to discuss ideas and challenges facing Catholic schools. She will also be traveling to Japan in the fall as part of the Fulbright Memorial Fund program.

**Kevin Meskell** is executive vice president of the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Quincy, Mass.



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*New York Supreme Court Judge E. Michael Kavanagh '65 says the Merrimack experience had a profound influence on his life.*

## E. Michael Kavanagh '65 is “benched”

His public debate with former New York Governor Mario Cuomo regarding Cuomo’s decision to grant clemency to a convicted cop killer garnered national attention. The former district attorney was drafted as a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor (against the Cuomo-led ticket in 1986, which won reelection). In 1998, he won the endorsement of both political parties on his way to election to the New York Supreme Court.

Not bad for a self-described “mediocre” student who turned his life in the proper direction before being graduated from Merrimack in 1965.

“When I came out of high school, I was at best a mediocre student,” Judge E. Michael Kavanagh '65 says. “Merrimack had a tremendous impact on me. Father Patrick Rice took me under his wing, and it was he who encouraged me to go to law school. Without his guidance, I don’t know what would have happened. When I look at my life and its defining moments, the atmosphere and experience at Merrimack really changed me for the better.”

The influence of Father Patrick and the late Professor Edward Roddy (“A terrific teacher”) paid off well for Kavanagh, who “shocked myself and some other folks” when he did well on his law boards and entered Villanova University School of Law. He practiced law in the service, and then became an assistant district attorney in New York County. In 1977 he was elected district attorney of Ulster County, and was reelected five times. Former President George Bush nominated him for a seat on the federal bench in 1990, but the nomination died when Bush lost his reelection bid to Bill Clinton.

His public dispute came over Cuomo’s clemency to Gary McGovern, whose supporters included columnist William F. Buckley, poet Alan Ginsberg, folk singer Pete Seeger, and his attorney, the late Henry Rothblatt (partner of F. Lee Bailey). It brought national exposure on television shows *60 Minutes* and *Dateline*.

“McGovern was a con man but quite an attractive fellow, with a facility to attract the rich and famous,” Kavanagh says. He notes that the parole board refused to support Cuomo’s grant of clemency, and that McGovern is back in prison on another conviction.

Working in the American judicial system has been satisfying for Kavanagh, who is happy for the choices he made while at Merrimack.

Applying for law school wasn’t the only life-altering decision he made while at college. He is still married to Marilyn (Ryan) '66, who works as a rehabilitation counselor with Gateway Industries. They live in Woodstock, N.Y., and have two children. Son Michael is a prosecutor in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and daughter Megan works for America’s Promise, a not-for-profit company in Washington, D.C.

— David Rattigan

**Father Rene Parent** of La Salette Mission will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination this year.

## M73

**James Ferrone** is director of satellite engineering for Fox Television and Cable Networks.

## M75

**Cathleen Twomey** will have her first book published in September 2001. Published by Boyd Mills Press, it is a novel for young adults entitled *Charlotte’s Choice*. She is also studying for her master of fine arts degree in writing for children at Vermont College.

## M76

**Charles “Ned” Hickey** is a partner in the law firm now known as Feldman & Hickey, LLC located in Farmington, Conn.

**Mike Reynolds** was the recipient of the 2000-01 Dr. John J. McMullen Service to New Jersey Hockey Award, sponsored by the New Jersey Devils. Mike, a former Merrimack All-American and member of Merrimack’s Hall of Fame, as well as an assistant coach from 1978-80, has coached high school hockey in New Jersey for 18 seasons. His career record is 218-139-29. He just completed his ninth season as a coach at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, where he won three consecutive state championships from 1994-96. Mike’s been a history teacher at Toms River South High School for 19 years.

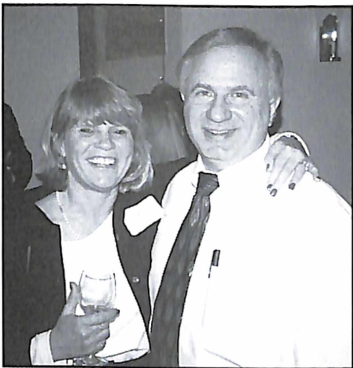
## M77

**Alan Guibord** is chief executive officer of Framingham, Mass.-based Computerworld, the weekly information technology newspaper. It is the flagship publication for International Data Group.

**Cynthia (Sciuto) Sullivan** is president and chief operating officer of Immunomedics, Inc. in Morris Plains, N.J.

## M78

**Randy Curran** and his twin brother, **Rick '77** made a trip to Merrimack for the Alumni Hockey Team weekend. They got the opportunity to visit **Alishia '03**, daughter of Rick and **Lisa (Quigley) '78**



*Janet Richardson '69 and Joe Russo '70 were among the alumni at the spring reception held at The Country Tavern in Nashua, N.H. on April 5.*

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**Robert Gagalís** is vice president and chief financial officer of The General Chemical Group, Inc., which produces soda ash and calcium chloride.

**Stephen Lombardi** is vice president of applications and products for Applied Biosystems Group in Foster City, Calif. The company develops and markets instrument-based systems, reagents, software, and contract services to the life-science industry and research community.

## M80

**Maura Lynch** is the first woman president of the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, an 89-year-old business group. She’s the owner of A. James Lynch Insurance, a business she founded 12 years ago as a spinoff of her father’s real estate firm.

**Greg Tremblay** received the Cliff Newman Award of Excellence for



*From left, Rick '77 and Randy Curran '78 flank Rick's daughter Alishia, a Merrimack sophomore, during a break from alumni hockey game action.*



*East Coast Florida alumni and parents enjoyed a Fort Lauderdale intercoastal cruise and luncheon. The group included, front from left, Bob Quine '51, John O'Neill, Ray and Pat Kreutler-Matulis '67, Nina and Frank MacDonald '57, Jean and Ray Koehne '55, and Judy (Sullivan) '64 and Tom Doyle '64. Back row: Director of Alumni Relations Susan Wojtas, Maureen Quine, Mary O'Neill, and Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving Liz Magliozzi.*

## Shine family memorializes mom

Long before the dedication of the Catherine T. Shine Study Lounge at the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center, the late Mrs. Shine made a significant contribution to Merrimack College: all five of her children attended Merrimack, and one of them heads the English Department. Mary '64, Dan Jr. '65, James '68, Kathleen Shine Cain, Ph.D. '72 and Patricia '75 are all alumni. Kathleen is the English Department chairman, and Dan’s significant gift will memorialize his late mother.



Kathleen Franzese photo

*The Shine family gathers in the Catherine T. Shine Study Lounge for its dedication.*

The youngest of 11 children born to Irish immigrants, Catherine stressed education to her children. They all wound up at Merrimack, commuting from their North Andover home. Fittingly, the lounge is a gathering and study place for many commuters.

“Because our education meant so much to her and because of the support she and my father gave us, the idea that she is memorialized in a room in which students for years to come will be socializing is tremendously fitting,” Kathleen Shine Cain says. “She wanted so much for her children, and she and my father succeeded in paving the way for us to get an education. How wonderful it is for me to enjoy this room as well.”

—Marie DeMarco





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Notre Dame College in Manchester, N.H. Laura is a psychotherapist in private practice who also serves as a counselor at the college, a lecturer at the New England College Graduate School Counseling Program, and as a school psychologist. In addition, she works with the Assisi Program developing training seminars on pattern recognition and intervention, with a focus on violence both in schools and in the workplace.

**Susan Grande** is a system officer at Andover Bank in Andover.

**Barbara (Norton) Leoffler** is operations manager for Communication Industries Corporation in Brattleboro, Vermont.

**Kevin Tinsley** is the treasurer and executive vice president of finance for Fiber Optic Network Solutions (FONS) Corporation of Northboro, Mass.

## M85

**George Ziegler** is a senior business development manager at Schneider Electric in North Andover. Wife **Elizabeth "Betsy" (Rourke) '86** is a vice president at Cross Country Travcorps in

Malden, Mass. They live in Reading, Mass., with their two children.

## M86

**Robert Ferrari** is co-founder of a quality assurance ASP testing and performance consulting firm, Xpert Point, Inc., in Boston. "Through variously applied physics, mathematics, and computational models, we analyze performance indices for websites and network infrastructure," he writes, inviting folks to check out his web site at [www.XpertPoint.com](http://www.XpertPoint.com). He and wife Patricia live in Tewksbury with their two daughters.

**Michael Gallagher** is chief financial officer of GFA Federal Credit Union. The company's main office is in Gardner, Mass.

## M87

**Stephen Adamo**, president and chief operating officer of Citizens Mortgage Corporation, has been named president of the Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association and to the National Advisory Council of Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of financing for home mortgages.

## M88

**Tim Boisvert** was promoted to European planning manager for Sportsline.com. He also recently completed the Paris Marathon.



At right, this German castle built by King Ludwig II, the Neuschwanstein Schloss, was one of the many interesting sites on the alumni's April "castles and gardens" tour through Bavaria, Austria and Switzerland. Dan Harding '80 is in the foreground. On the last night, the traveling party celebrated on board a boat on Lake Lucerne, Switzerland. Among the revelers were Phil Cullen '52, Mary Cullen, Gayle (Lucas) Plouffe '71, Tony Sakowich, Ruth (Kelley) Trepanier '63, Gladys Sakowich, Ginny Corkery, tour leader Terry Monahan '66, George Corkery '64, Eileen Orlando '82, Joe Trepanier, Jeanne Brien '83, Beverly Farnham, Dan Harding '80, Sheila McGarr '71, Tom Harding, Kathy (Neylon) Rourke '67, Cathie Maloney '81, Estelle Harding, and Paul Rourke. This fall, a trip to Ireland is planned. Next spring, the group will travel to the Netherlands.

**Kathleen Melia** is a partner at the firm of Harvey & Martin, P.C., C.P.A. in North Andover.

## M91

**Tracey Bowker** is an account executive with Stackpole & Partners Advertising in Newburyport, Mass.

**Matthew Kraunelis** has been named assistant general counsel to the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. He will focus in the areas of mental health litigation, probate guardianships, forensic matters and risk management issues.

## M92

**Gregg Monastiero** has been named vice president of sales for iConverse, a leading mobile application platform provider in Waltham, Mass.

## M93

**Bob Alconada** was re-elected vice chairman of the Everett School Committee. He is manager of state and government affairs for the Massachusetts Dental Society.

**Steve Cote** is a financial advisor with UBS Paine Webber in Boston.



Joel Boutin '00 with four girls from Kilolo Village, where he's stationed with the U.S. Peace Corps. He took them on a "girls empowerment" two-day retreat. The group traveled five hours by bicycle, automobile, and foot to reach the region's girls' college.

## M94

**Scott Dennehy** was promoted in January 2001 to service delivery engineer for Verizon Communications in its Lowell, Mass. office. Scott lives in Kingston, N.H. with his wife **Tina (Valcourt) '94** and their daughter Caitlyn.

**Robert Isacco** has been promoted to director of global human resources planning and operations at Globix Corporation in New York City.

**Steve Pouliot** has been graduated from Merrimack College for a second time. The first time through he received a bachelor's



Susan Wojtas '79 photos

degree in finance. He returned to school and earned another bachelor's in civil engineering with the class of '01. He had worked in a couple of marketing jobs, but says he "kept thinking about engineering," the major he had selected at the start of his college career. "I didn't want to look back years from now and kick myself for not getting the engineering degree," says Steve, who is now a structural engineer for Bayside Engineering in Somerville, Mass.

## M96

**Laura Costa** is a quality control manager and safety director for Trans-Mate Products, Inc. of North Billerica, Mass.

**David D'Eramo** a Vermont Law School student in the class of 2003 has won an academic excellence award for receiving the highest grade in the "contracts" course. He is also in the top 9 percent of his class.

**Larry Merritt** is the recruitment director for City Year in Boston.

**Fran Salah** was promoted to senior credit analyst at Beverly National Bank.



Laura O'Day '01 celebrates at commencement with mother Kathleen O'Day '97.

## M97

**Jessica Holly** is the director of talent acquisition for idealab, a high-tech incubator in Boston.

**Neil Serven's** work has been published for the first time. He was a contributor to *The Red Sox Fan Handbook* compiled by Leigh Grossman and published by Wordsmith Books. The book is a history of the Red Sox and the team's contributions to baseball.

## Jon Goode '98 is a hit with the Spinners

One night it's "Bald is Beautiful Night," when an entire section is set aside for bald people and the home team has a photo taken with all the players wearing bald wigs. Another night, there may be baby lions and tigers at the park. The next night may be "Birth Night," with 30 very pregnant women sitting behind home plate, knowing that the first to deliver gets a year's supply of diapers. (There was nothing for the highlight film that night; the winner delivered the next day.)

Such is life with The Lowell (Mass.) Spinners, the Red Sox single-A affiliate which last season was awarded the prestigious Larry McPhail Trophy for having the top promotions of any minor league baseball team in the country. Promotions are one of four big reasons for the team's staggering success, along with low ticket prices, the affiliation with the Red Sox and a beautiful ballpark in downtown Lowell. It has won *Baseball America's* Freitas Award as the top short-season franchise in North America, and was awarded a special achievement award from the Boston Baseball Writers in honor of the team's 50 straight sellouts.

Jon Goode '98 is in his second season as director of media relations with the Spinners, a post that also includes marketing and promotion for the team.

"I consider myself lucky," Goode says. "I enjoy what I do, enjoy the affiliation with the Boston Red Sox, and enjoy minor league baseball. There's a lot of fun, some wacky stuff, and it's in a sports atmosphere."

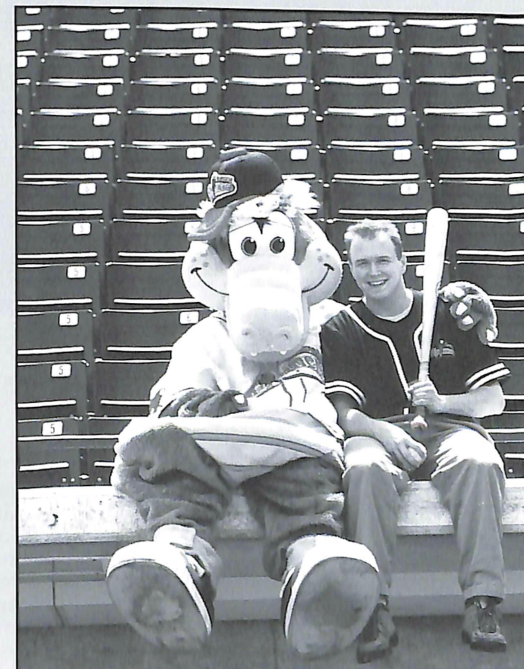
Goode was a business major who had intended to go into sports management even before he started college. Before joining the Spinners, the Natick, Mass. native was a sports stringer for the *MetroWest Daily News*, wrote a freelance column for CBS Sports' Sportsline.com, ran the NCAA- and NBA-sanctioned Beantown Basketball League, and was marketing and promotions director and a writer for One-on-One Sports (1510 AM) in Boston.

While the Spinners had already established themselves and their quirky promotions before he joined the organization, Goode has lent his creativity to the mix. One of his successes was "Peter Gammons Lookalike Night," when the players donned shaggy wigs and stood on the field with the ESPN baseball guru, a scene that got national play on that night's introduction to ESPN's *SportsCenter*.

A Merrimack connection helped Goode make that happen. He had been president of the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, and the fraternity's moderator, Father Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., is also on the board of trustees at Villanova University. Another member of the Villanova board, Rosa Gatti, is a vice president at ESPN, and Father Dwyer put the two in touch.

Goode was also cross-country captain and All-Northeast-10 Conference Team member at Merrimack, despite the fact that he was born with cerebral palsy in both legs. He's proud of the fact that earlier this year he was named chairman of the auction committee for the Boston chapter of the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

—David Rattigan



Jon Goode '98 is digging life with the Lowell Spinners. He says, "There's a lot of fun, some wacky stuff, and it's in a sports atmosphere."

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Susan (Porelle) Piper '91, Cheryl (Leveille) Williams '91 and Susan O'Brien '91 check out bookstore items during Reunion 2001.



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## M98

Julie Kane received her master of education degree from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She is teaching fourth grade in the Billerica school system.

Michael O'Neil is an associate corporate attorney at Testa, Hurwitz and Thibeault in Boston. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Boston University School of Law, *cum laude*, where he was an articles editor for the BU Law Review.

## M00

Joel Boutin is an agricultural extentionist for the United States Peace Corps, stationed in Tanzania, East Africa. Communicating primarily in Swahili, the former philosophy /Spanish major teaches English, health, and environmental education at the primary school in Kilolo Village. "Attending Central Catholic High followed by Merrimack offered me a wealth of exposure as to what Christianity demands — love in action," Joel writes. "I plan to remain here in my mud house, happily, until December 2002. The only possible thing that could make me happier would be if my friends and family from Merrimack could live and work with me here." He'd love to hear from friends, at P.O. Box 76, Mafinga Iringa Tanzania, East Africa, or at Brotherjol@aol.com.

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**Russell Walters '85** and **Kimberley Lovelette** at the First Church Congregational, Methuen, Mass., August 19, 2000.

**Margaret Arcidiacono '88** and **Shawn Sarazin** at St. Monica Church, Methuen, Mass.

**Lisa Donahue '88** and **Brian Tracy** on May 19.

**Kelly Crimmins '90** and **Stephen Fabian** at St. Brigid Church, Lexington, Mass., June 3, 2000.

**Lisa "Bert" Ebert '90** and **Michael Sean Healey** on August 26, 2000.

**Matthew Caggiano '91** and **Alyssa Foster** at Our Lady of the Mountain Church, North Conway, N.H., October 28, 2000.

**Michelle Costanza '91** and **Brian Kane** at St. Thomas Aquinas, Nahant, Mass., September 3, 2000.

**Scott Green '91** and **Jennifer Rua** at St. Pius X Church, Middletown, Conn., October 28, 2000.

**Luke Fitzgerald '92** and **Kathleen McCabe** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.



At the Florence-Piela wedding, the Merrimack contingent included, from left, Terrance Hurley '94, Rob Faire '94, Chris Gaynor '94, Paul Mayo '94, bride Andrea Piela and groom Daniel Florence '94, Steve DiVito '94, Pete Paladino '86, and Mike Shea '94.



The Collins-Scopa wedding included, front from left, Jack Collins '85, Jay Doherty '94, Marissa Scopa '98, Meg Turner, Kristen DeCourcy '96, Jack Collins '52, Amy (McCoy) Mullen '96, bride Amy Collins '96, groom Jason Scopa '94, Tricia Royka '96, Erika (Walsh) Fitzpatrick '96, Nancy Dussault '96, and Dan Mills '94. Back row: Kevin Mullen '94, Steve Raeke, Rich Beauregard '94, Mark Murphy '94, Mike Shinnick '94, Matthew Fitzpatrick '96, Mark Lamson '94, Mike Consoli '94, and Beth (Addressio) Consoli '95.

**Michael McDermott '92** and **Brenda Bollinger** at Maple Street Congregational Church, Danvers, Mass.

**Mark Zurcher '92** and **Jennifer Carroll** at St. Clement Chapel, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., August 12, 2000.

**Kristin Fanara '93** and **Kevin Doyle** at Our Lady of Grace Church, Chatham, Mass., October 28, 2000.

**Chris Fazzio '93** and **Melanie Ouellette**, in Barnstead, N.H., October 2000.

**Mary Gallagher '93** and **Timothy Dooling** at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, Westborough, Mass.

**Janet Haley '93** and **Scott Dubow** at St. Joseph's Church, Portland, Maine, September 2, 2000.

**Daniel Smith '93** and **Susan Boulanger** at St. Barnabus Church, Portsmouth, R.I., September 16, 2000.

**Paula Bergeron '94** and **Marc Gonthier** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, September 30, 2000.

**Aaron Cramer '94** and **Donna Sinacore** at St. Bernard Church, Enfield, Conn., October 14, 2000.

**Daniel Florence '94** and **Andrea Piela** at St. Mary Church, Chicopee, Mass., April 29, 2000.

**Jamie Condangelo '95** and **John McAndrews** at St. Bernard Church, Newton, Mass., September 30, 2000.

**Keith Giguere '95** and **Stacy Hasseman** at the First Church in Swampscott (Mass.), Congregational.

**Jean Hanafin '95** and **Robert Armano** at St. Margaret Catholic Church, Burlington, Mass., December 2, 2000.

**Jason Stadler '95** and **Laurie Pelletier** at Harris' Pelham Inn, Pelham, N.H.

**Melissa Soucy '95** and **William Vaccari** at St. Mary Church, Winchester, Mass., November 4, 2000.

**Amy Collins '96** and **Jason Scopa '94** at the Georgetown Country Club, Georgetown, Mass., November 4, 2000.

**Simone Crispen '96** and **Joseph Bradley** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, October 21, 2000.



Lori Bova '98 and Brian Keefe '98

**Holly Nelson '96** and **Douglas Moreira '96** at the State Street Church, Portland, Maine, June 10, 2000.

**James Milner '96** and **Robin Emmert** at the Pond View Restaurant, Kingston, N.H., December 2, 2000.



The Bergeron-Gonthier wedding included, front from left, David Rourke '93, Scott Ditto '95, and Kieran Murray '93. Second row: Denise Gутtenberg-Murray '93, Dawn (Sinsigalli) Gonthier '92, Michael Gonthier '90, groom Marc Gonthier and bride Paula Bergeron '94, Melissa Schwatka '95, Scott Dennehy '94, Andrea LaBrecque '94, and Tina (Valcourt) Dennehy '94. Back row: Christine (Cavanaugh) Gately '94, Denise (Murphy) Leonard '94, Kristine (Caron) Esdate '95, Eileen Power '94, Paula (Norton) Cain '93, Stephen Pride '94, Stacey (Burton) Pride '93, Alexander Cain '93, Lori (Murphy) Ditto '97, Matthew Ouellette '94, Sheila (Kavanagh) Ouellette '93, Bill Squires '92, Roseann Matteo '94, Liz Hamp '92, Sue Savino '94, Terry Holmgren '95, and Mark Anderson.



The Carroll-Zurcher wedding included, front from left, Sharon (Chin) Stearns '92, Barbara (Kenny) Cranna '91, Peggy Carroll '91, bride and groom Jennifer Carroll and Mark Zurcher '92, Rachel (Lafrance) Fellows '92, Stephanie (Naughton) McLaughlin '92, Jennifer McCormack '92. Back row: George Preble '80, Joan (Mackin) Preble '80, Jeff Stearns '93, Tom McDermott '92, Bob Lyons '92, Michael McLaughlin '93, Dana Bassett '93, Michael Grignano '92, Brendan Cranna '92, Bill O'Neill '92, and Charlie Fellows '92.

**Jennifer Rigas '96** and **Michael Kane '96** at St. Dennis Church, Hanover, N.H., August 19, 2000.

**Suzanne Robinson '96** and **Christopher Fiore '94** at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams, Mass., November 4, 2000.

**Amy Veilleux '96** and **Jay Wilichoski** at St. Mary of the

Annunciation, Danvers, Mass., October 14, 2000.

**Tracy Rappa '97** and **Michael Sweeney** at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Nahant, Mass.

**Donna Welch '97** and **Joseph Ferrara '97** (a.k.a. Joe Mama) at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, October 28, 2000.



Kim (Rhinesmith) Boon '91, bride Michelle Costanza '91 and Cathy Slinger '91 at the Costanza-Kane wedding.



The Rigas-Kane wedding included, front from left, Ed O'Brien '97, Dan Reid '96, Kristin Leary, Ann Marie Dorsey, Suzanne (Robinson) Fiore '96, Jim Connolly '96, Chris Fiore '94. Back row: Eric Backman '97, Jamie Chamberland '97, Matt Fitzpatrick '96, Byron Magrane '96, Mark Watson '96, Jodi (Kingsley) Giorlando '96, Shawn Reddish '96, bride and groom Jennifer Rigas '96 and Michael Kane '96, Maureen Cavanaugh, Kris Lisauskas '96, and Darryl Striker '97.

**Lori Bova '98** and **Brian Keefe '98** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, August 26, 2000.

**Jennifer Howland '98** and **Matthew Chapman** in Jefferson City, Mo., March 31. Matt's grandparents, who were witnesses at the wedding, had eloped to

Jefferson City 57 years ago. Jennifer writes, "So we drove across the country to follow in their footsteps."

**Karen (Rapp) '98** and **Michael Randall '98** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, October 28, 2000.



## W E D D I N G S



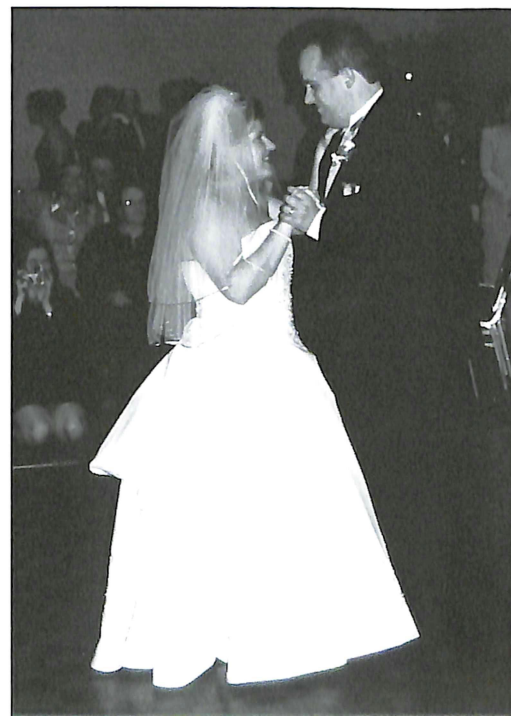
The Welch-Ferrara wedding included, front from left, Chris Palmer '96, Amy Ferrara '97, Greg Cassidy '97, Atiyeh LeGault '98, Peter Brackett '97, Maria DeSalvo '02, Kristin Chartier '97, and Andy Keene '97. Back row: Mike Rosa '97, Stephanie Passino '96, Paul Amirault '96, groom Joey Ferrara '97, Mike Gavin '98, bride Donna Welch '97, Scott Martel '97, Craig Peluso '97, Bob Magnuson '80, and John Welch '97.



The Veilleux-Wilichoski wedding included, from left, Rich Fleming '97, Shawna Currier '95, Kerri Lyman, Laura Carlson '96, groom Jay Wilichoski, bride Amy Veilleux '96, Kristy Sweet '97, Jennifer Morrison '94, and Sheila Fuller '96.



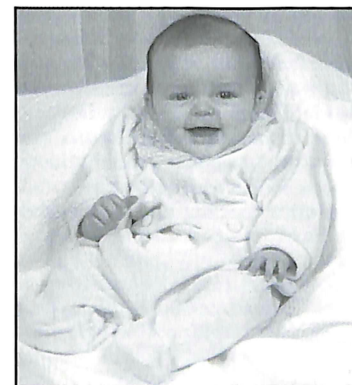
The Ebert-Healey wedding included, front from left, Jared Whelan '94, Robert "Mouse" Isacco '94, bride and groom Lisa "Bert" Ebert '94 and Michael Healey, Laura Marrocco '95, Marty Flaherty '94, Chris Gaudette '95. Back, Michael McCarthy, Chrissy (Driscoll) Lumb '93, Beth (Addessio) Consoli '95, Michael Consoli '94, Tara Biancuzzo '94, Jane Glynn, Karen Yanus '94, James Glynn, Danielle Capone '94, Clare McInerney '93, Karen (Max) Gaudette '94, Sarah (Lucey) Mik '93, Brenda McDonough '94, Erin Foster '94, Patty Ciccariello '94, Melissa (McGinn) Sullivan '91. Not pictured: bridesmaid Kathy (Donnelly) Ryan '89.



Karen Rapp '98 and Michael Randall '98

## B I R T H S

Janice Barrett '83 and husband Mark Vanty: a daughter, Carolyn Barrett Vanty, November 7, 2000.



Carolyn Barrett Vanty

Frank DiMarco '85 and wife Donna: a son, Michael Francis, January 23, 2001. He joins brother John.

Elizabeth (Rourke) '86 and George Ziegler '85: a son, Brendan Maxwell, March, 13, 2001. He joins sister Meghan.

Robert Ferrari '86 and wife Patricia: a daughter, McKenzie Grace. She joins sister Caroline Rose.

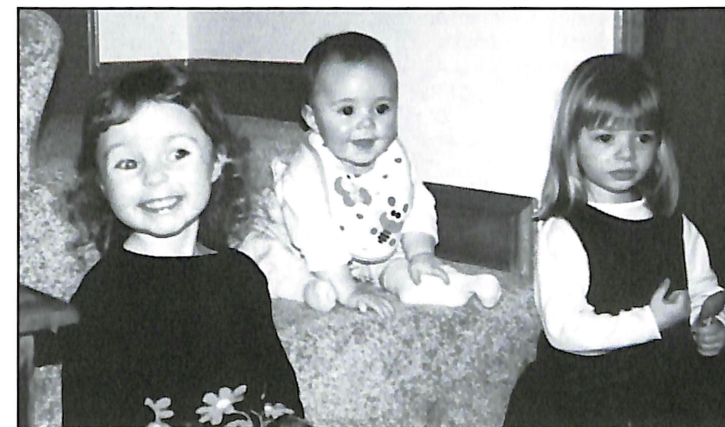
Lucine (Zeytoonian) Kaprielian '87 and husband Sam: a son, Stepan Nerses, October 8, 2000. He joins brother Seth and sister Sophia.

Paula (O'Brien) '87 and Tom Boyle '87: a daughter, Maria Lillian, January 28, 2001.

Joseph Arnone '88 and wife Linda:



Nicole Marie Arnone

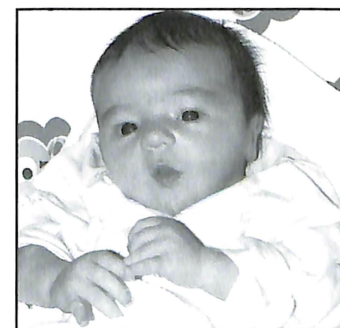


From left, Elizabeth and Rebecca Bombard, daughters of Linda (Fleming) Bombard '90, with cousin Deanna Lauro, daughter of Mary (Fleming) Lauro '90.

a daughter, Nicole Marie, November 22, 2000.

Bob Kilkenny '88 and wife Sara: a daughter, Erin Sydney, March 4, 2001. She joins brother Daniel.

Christine (Morgan) Urban '89 and husband Paul: a daughter, Amanda Nicole, November 27, 2000.



Amanda Nicole Urban

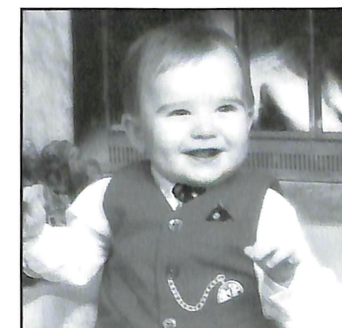
Linda (Fleming) '90 and Robert Bombard '90: a daughter, Rebecca Patricia, June 23, 2000. She joins sister Elizabeth.

Mark Olivieri '90 and wife Christine: a daughter, Grace Christine, March 28, 2000. She joins brother Christopher.

Susan Gorham Rizzo '90 and husband Al '91: a son, Patrick Edward, April 9.

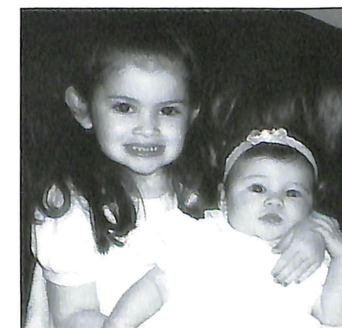
Nancy (Murray) DeSantis '91 and husband John: a son, John Francis, June 22, 2000.

Irene (Hanning) '91 and Stephen Brauning '91: a son, Michael James, February 20, 2000.



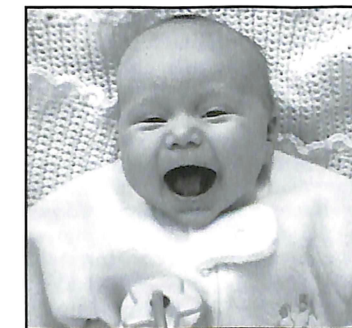
Michael James Brauning

Karen (Robillard) '91 and Joseph LoCoco '91: a daughter, Ashlynn Maria, January 18, 2001. She joins sister Amanda Rose.



Amanda Rose and Ashlynn Maria LoCoco

Andrea (Morrison) Izydorczak '92 and husband Brian: a daughter, Emma Kathryn, February 22.



Emma Kathryn Izydorczak



Kaitlyn Cecile Dennehy

Tina (Valcourt) '94 and Scott Dennehy '94: a daughter, Kaitlyn Cecile, February 21, 2000.

Lori (Murphy) '97 and Scott Ditto '95: a son, Cameron Scott, March 20, 2001.



Cameron Scott Ditto





**James Comber '51**, 80, died January 29 at Penacook Place Nursing Home, Haverhill, Mass. He was a language arts and music teacher in Haverhill schools for 26 years until he retired in 1975. He directed the high school chorus at citywide celebrations and in nursing homes, and during the December holiday season would bring the chorus to the Post Office to entertain people standing in line. He was an organist at St. James Church until 1985. James was a member of St. James Parish and St. James Holy Name Society. He was a member of the Haverhill Retired Teachers Association and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He leaves sister Mary Trainor of Bradford, Mass.; four nieces and nephews; seven grandnieces and grandnephews; and several cousins.

**William Hegarty '58**, 71, of Andover, died March 2 at his home. He had been general counsel and chief administrative officer of Melrose-Wakefield Hospital for 20 years. While working at Western Electric Co. in North Andover in the public relations and public affairs, he managed the congressional campaign of James Zafris. In addition to his degree from Merrimack, he held a degree from Suffolk University Law School, and an MBA from Suffolk's Sawyer School of Management. William was a member of the American Society of Hospital Attorneys, and the Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations. He was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover. He served on the pastoral council and in the St. Vincent DePaul Society. He was also a member of the Hospitality Ministers Association at the church, a member of the Wakefield Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus in Haverhill, Indian Ridge Country Club, a past president of the Melrose (Mass.) Lions, and a member of the Merrimack Alumni Council. He leaves wife of 42 years **Joan (Chechowitz) '57**; son Daniel of Silver Springs, Md.; brothers Raymond of Conway, Ark., Richard of Berkeley Heights, N.J.; Daniel of Watertown, Mass., and David of North Andover; sisters Rosalie Beaulieu of Warrenton, Va., and Therese Heaney of Phippsburg, Maine.

**John Meaney '59**, 68, formerly of Lynnfield, Mass., died February 19 in a local nursing home, after a long illness. He had been a production planner for 29 years with Ametek Aero Space, formerly the General Electric Company, in Wilmington, Mass., until he retired in 1995 and became a substitute teacher for the Everett school system. John was a communicant of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Lynnfield and a member of Local 201 IUE AFL-CIO. He leaves his son and daughter-in-law, Master Sgt. Gerard Meaney, USMC, and his wife, Kimberly, of Newburn, S.C.; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Lauran and William Wisniewski of Austin, Tex., and Nicole and Daniel Meaney of Tonawanda, N.Y.; two brothers, William of Salem, Mass., and James and his wife Jeanne of Haverhill, Mass.; a sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine Mitchell and her husband John of Alexandria, Va.; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Catherine (Mulligan) Hayes '60**, 61, of Acton, Mass., died December 30, 2000 at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass., following complications from diabetes. She was the wife of William Hayes Sr. In addition to her Merrimack degree, she earned a master of education degree from Boston University. During the 1960's, she was a teacher at Burdett College in Boston. She later taught adult education evening classes for the Concord, Sudbury, and Acton school departments. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, William Hayes Jr. of Williamston, Mich. and Gerald Hayes of Olympia, Wash.; two

daughters, Maura Hayes Dearth of Longwood, Fla. and Martha Hayes of Methuen, Mass.; and two granddaughters.

**George Dery '61**, 61, died January 15 at his home in Chelmsford, Mass. He was a 30-year resident of the town. He was the husband of Margaret. In addition to his Merrimack degree, he held a master of economics degree from Boston College, and was an economics professor at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. George was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Chelmsford and served as an usher at the church. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents George and Germaine of Lowell, Mass.; a son, George Jr. of Boston; three daughters, Anne Joyce and her husband Neil of Reading, Mass., Kathleen Fahey and her husband Richard of Wakefield, Mass., and Patricia Dery of Chelmsford; a brother, Richard of Chelmsford; two sisters, Elaine Spitznew of Florida and Priscilla Theriault of Andover; and two grandchildren.

**Edward Ruiz '67**, 58, of Stoneham, Mass., died February 27 at New England Medical Center in Boston after a lengthy bout with cancer. Edward was a software engineer at MIT and worked on the Viking missile guidance system at MIT. He had been employed at the AGFA-Monotype Corp. in Wilmington, Mass. for the past 21 years. In addition to his Merrimack degree, he held a master of engineering degree from Purdue University. He had been an oblate at the Mary Immaculate Seminary. In addition to his wife Dorothy, he is survived by his parents Edward and Dorothy of

Medford, Mass.; son Michael and daughter Christine, both of Stoneham; brother David of Topeka, Kan.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**Donna (Langone) Giordano '69**, 53, of Medford, Mass., died on March 6, 2000 at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center after a two-year battle with lymphoma. She was a teacher for more than 30 years in Medford schools. Donna was a well-known ESL teacher who was instrumental in orienting the Haitian community in the Medford area to its educational opportunities. She served on the Brooks School Council, as a mentoring teacher, and as a liaison for the Brooks School and the Haitian community. She held a master of education degree from Cambridge College, and twice appeared in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." She also taught French at St. Francis of Assisi School in Medford, and ESL summer courses at Tufts University and Emmanuel College. Donna was active in St. Francis of Assisi Church, serving as a past officer of the Mothers' Club, as a facilitator for the espousal program, and as a committee member of the Steven Z. DeMarco Hoop for Hunger Tournament. She was the wife of **James "Chuck" '66** for more than 32 years. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her mother, Margaret Langone of Medford, Mass.; son **Jami '95** and his wife **Kerry (Hickox) Giordano '97** of Stoneham, Mass.; and sons **Michael '99** and Christopher of Medford. A memorial scholarship fund has been established in her name. Contributions may be sent to the Donna M. Giordano Memorial Fund, c/o Citizens Bank, 1 Riverside Ave., Medford, Mass., 02155.

**Russell Lanouette '71** died on February 17 at his home in Chantilly, Va. He had been with the U.S. Customs Agency for more than 20 years. He is survived by wife **Pat (Santini) '71** and sons Michael and Scott, and Scott's wife Jorie.

Family First Health and a member of the advisory committee for Healthy Beginnings. Tom coached youth teams and taught aerobics, and received the Citizen of the Year Award by Pineconia Grange of Concord. He was a member of the Community Provider Network for Central New Hampshire and of the Concord Trust Board. He volunteered for and participated in numerous charitable organizations and served on several boards. In addition to his wife, he leaves parents Mary and Thomas Sr.; sons Brendan and Devin, both of Concord; a brother, Robert of Lynn, Mass.; two sisters, Marjorie Clancy and Marybeth Sucharewicz, both of Lynn; and nieces and nephews.

**Carol (Blazewicz) Kelly '70**, 52, of North Caldwell, N.J., died in December 2000 at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge, N.J. She had been a substitute teacher in the North Caldwell school system for two years. She also was a computer programmer at UPS. At the time of her death she was attending William Paterson College in Wayne, N.H., where she was working toward a master of education degree. Surviving are a daughter, Kimberly Ann; a son, Scott William; and her mother, Mary Blazewicz.

**David Callahan '75**, 61, of Bradford, Mass., died of lung cancer March 8, at his home. A career educator and avid golfer, the former Merrimack golf captain once shot two holes-in-one in the same week. He continued to play while fighting cancer, and the *Haverhill Gazette* reported that he "often went through one round of chemotherapy and a round of golf back-to-back." Friend Rocco Basso said, "Last year, the guy went through 52 weeks of chemo and 70 rounds of golf. If you kept a scorecard, golf won out." David began his career as a teacher at Haverhill Trade School, then served as assistant director, and later director. He then became

assistant director of Whittier Regional Vocational High School in Haverhill, and most recently was director of guidance at Whittier. David served in the Marine Corps from 1956 to 1958. He was a member of Sacred Hearts Parish in Bradford, and was a member and past president of The Haverhill Country Club. He leaves daughters Tara and her husband Patrick Morley of Lincoln, and Kathleen Callahan of Somerville; and two grandchildren.

**Lawrence Hill '76**, 85, of Salem, N.H., died April 3 at Integrated Health Services in Derry, N.H. Larry was a retired supervisor at Western Electric Co. in North Andover, where he had worked for more than 37 years. During WWII, he served in the Army and was a member and past commander of the Salem VFW Memorial Post 8546. He was also a member of Cedardale Athletic Club in Haverhill, Mass., where he played tennis. Larry was a member of the Peerless Melodiers, a band that played at local clubs and weddings. He is survived by his wife Jessie (Richardson) Hill; son Lawrence "Richard" and his wife Barbara Hill of Salem, Mass.; daughter Sharon Orr of Windham, N.H.; sister Ida Freeman of Bar Harbor, Me.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Donald Christiansen '77**, 67, died at home in North Andover on February 10 after a brief illness. He was an officer in the Navy who earned the rank of Lt. j.g., and was a former international sales manager for Chrysler Corporation. He held the U.S. patent for a Spiro-Flex freezer, and had been a certified public accountant for the past 25 years. In addition to his Merrimack degree in accounting, he holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Massachusetts, and an MBA from the University of Dayton, Ohio. Donald was a member of the American Legion, the National Rifle Association, the Massachusetts Association of Public Accountants, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He leaves his companion, Louise Collins of North Andover; his son, Jeffrey, also of North Andover; his daughters, Cara Andriolo of

Wethersfield, Conn., and Lisa Christiansen of Farmington, Conn.; his brothers Robert of Lynn, Mass. and Paul of Sandwich, Mass.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Thomas Bullen '84** of Needham, Mass. and Bethel Park, Pa. died April 14. He was a retired electrical engineer for Jones and Laughlin Steel Company of Pittsburgh, and former member of the Knights of Columbus. He was predeceased by wife Veronica. He leaves daughter Lianne Relich and husband Mark of Needham; grandson Richard and his wife Lisa of Needham; granddaughter Lisa of Somerville, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews.

**Margaret Cooley '84**, 58, of Chelsea, Mass., formerly of Medford, Mass., and Springfield, Mass., died suddenly at home on April 13. She worked as an X-ray technician at St. Francis Hospital

in Hartford, Conn. and was a member of Mensa. She is survived by her parents Margaret and Raymond of Springfield; sister Sheila Cooley of Van Nuys, Cal.; brothers Michael of San Gabriel, Cal. and Peter of Clayton, N.C.

**John Gray '84**, died unexpectedly at his home March 8. He had lived most of his life in Lowell before moving to Chelsea recently. John was employed in the technical support bureau of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth; brothers William Gray and his wife Beverly of Dracut, Mass. Peter Gray of Rhode Island, and James Gray and his wife Sharon of Hudson, Mass.; four sisters, Kathleen Carroll and Elizabeth Gray, both of Chelmsford, Margaret Hajjar of Westford, Mass., and Patricia Bergeron and her husband Richard of Nashua, N.H.; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.



Robert S. Rockwell

## Renaissance man remembered

"I would hope that my friends would remember me kindly." These were the words of Robert S. "Rocky" Rockwell in an interview in 1989 by then student Wendy (Maxwell) Borglum '90. On Sunday, June 10, Rocky, 87, who had worked in part- and full-time positions at the McQuade Library since 1967, died at home in North Andover. "Through illness or blizzard, we could depend on Rocky coming to work," says Bob

O'Brien '73, library operations manager.

He was affectionately and satirically given the nickname Rocky after the first "Rocky" movie was made, mostly because of his distinguished and proper appearance and the fact that the word "ugh" was something he would never utter. A man of great intelligence and with many interests, he will be remembered for his pipe, his *London Times* crossword puzzles, his fondness for museums and historical societies, his love of Merrimack College and her students, and most of all his passion for great books. If he couldn't read, Rockwell once told an *Andover Townsman* reporter, "I'd die. I could be without money, be without food, without shelter, but I couldn't exist without books."

A book fund has been established in his name. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may do so through the Donor Relations Office, 315 Turnpike Street, Box A8, North Andover, MA 01845, or by calling (978) 837-5415.

O'Brien calls Rocky a "Renaissance man." Everyone acquainted with him will remember him kindly.

—Marie DeMarco



## ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends;

I feel very pleased to have been elected as the newest president of the Alumni Council.

For those of you who don't know me, I was a member of the class of 1978, graduating with a BA in business administration with a major in marketing. I'm a senior business manager for Boston Scientific, and live in Needham, Mass. with my wife, Donna, and our three teenage girls.

In addition to myself, the new executive board is comprised of returning vice president Bill Edgerly '69, Secretary Diane Applegate '91, and at-large members Bill Wilkes '79, Bill McAvoy '83 and Karen Ann Glennon '90. Bill McAvoy and Karen Ann are both new to the board. Chris Liebke '79 will continue to serve on the board in the position of past president.

All of us on the council would like to take this opportunity to thank former President Nick Chapman '71 and former Secretary Ruth (Kelley) Trepanier '63, who have recently left the executive board, for the loyal and wonderful service they've given to the Alumni Council.

All of us on the executive board look forward to working with you, and meeting more of our fellow alumni, in the coming months.

*Robert H. Carmichael, Jr.*



The spring Alumni Council meeting included a presentation to members leaving the council. Pictured are Nick Chapman '71, Ruth (Kelley) Trepanier '63, Tina Szoka '73, Rose Di Stefano '54, President Richard Santagati, Alumni Council President Chris Liebke '79, Pat Bowman-Skeffington '88, and Bob Tosi '90.

David Spink photo

Bob Carmichael '78

Susan Wojtas '79 photo

# C E D R



Gladys Gomez '01, with children Carlos, Nathalie and Christian, was the recipient of the James St. Germain Award.

John Obert '66 photos



New alumni Paul Tassi '01, Lisa Shanko '01 and Audra Legere '00 were among those attending the CEDAR (Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited) Spring Reception held May 16.



James Whitney '01, left, was the recipient of the Victor J. Mill Medal as the top-ranking student in the Division of Continuing Education. Here, he's with Victor (V.J.) Mill III, president of Lawrence Pumps, Inc.



Karen-Ann Glennon '90, Patricia Evans '01, Jane Glennon, Eileen Orlando at the Alpha Sigma Lambda induction ceremony and brunch.

## MERRIMACK CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### September

- 8 — Alumni Day at Yankee Stadium — Red Sox vs. Yankees
- 20 — Hackers Golf Outing at Far Corner Golf Course, West Boxford, Mass.
- 21 — The Platters featuring Herb Reed at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 22 — Homecoming
- 22 — Andover Chamber Music Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 26 — Classic Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 28 — Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra Pops Concert at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 29 — Alumni Pre-Game Reception at American International College, Springfield, Mass.



The District of Columbia-area alumni held a reception at ABC News, where Tom Vegella '69 (second from right), his daughter Patti (center), and her friend Coressa Medrea met ABC correspondents Pierre Thomas (left) and John Martin.

John Obert '66 photo



Florida alumni and snowbirds took in a spring training game in Fort Myers, Fla. Among those attending were Dan Sullivan, Jim McInnis '57, Dan Valeri '80, and Ken Taylor '63. Special thanks to Ellie (Scafard) '55 and Bucky Poole for their help in organizing the event.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo

- 29 — National Puppet Theater presents: *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 30 — Violinist Elizabeth Larson at the Rogers Center for the Arts

### October

- 4 — Brazilian music with The Pablo Ablanado Octet at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 4 — Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy: Thagaste Symposium at Cascia Hall
- 12 — Essex Symphony Orchestra at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 17 — Flamenco Vivo! Dancers at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 18 — Alumni Reception at Faenza's on Main, West Hartford, Conn.
- 21 — Boston Camerata at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 24 — Classic Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 25 — Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy: The Last Lecture (Professor Steven Scherwatzky) at Cascia Hall

- 27 — Moscow Nights at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 28 — Andover Chamber Music Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts

### November

- 1-6 — Irish Pint Tour (extended weekend) to Ireland
- 4 — Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 4 — Speakers Series: Chris Matthews at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 10 — Kitka at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 11 — Andover Chamber Music Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 12 — Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy: Lecture by Fr. Tom Martin, O.S.A. to celebrate the birthday of St. Augustine, in Murray Lounge
- 13 — Career Networking Night at Merrimack
- 18 — Rhythm and Brass at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 24, 25, 29, 30, Dec. 1 — Pentucket Players present *Annie* at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 29 — Alumni Christmas Party at the Bay Tower Room, Boston

### December

- 2 — Alumni Brunch at the Four Seasons, Philadelphia
- 2 — Concert Choir Christmas Concert at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 7-9 — New England Civic Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 11 — Ann Arbor Film Festival at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 15 — Essex Symphony Orchestra at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 16 — New England Classical Singers at the Rogers Center for the Arts

On Wednesdays from September 26 through December 5, the Rogers Center will present an afternoon series on the history of American music.

For alumni events, call 978-837-5440 or 978-837-5107.

For Rogers Center events, call 978-837-5355.

For Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy programs, call 978-837-5217.

Visit Merrimack's web site at [www.merrimack.edu](http://www.merrimack.edu) for updated schedules and additional information, including sports events.

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